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President Weizman: I can't sleep well at night

BATSHEVA TSUR

"I CAN'T sleep well at night," President Ezer Weizman declared yesterday, expressing concern over the situation in the country. But the president added that he did not foresee the likelihood of a

"I do not believe we are on the verge of war," he said. "Anyone who starts a war would have to be mad, In war, you may know where you start but you never know where it will end."

He said that he was sure that, despite Egypt's increased military potential. President Hosni Mubarak is not interested in war, nor are Israel's other neighbors.

Weizman was speaking to reporters during a four of Eilat yesterday morning.

"I don't recommend getting depressed," he said, "and I think we should keep up our good spirits although I undersland the difficulty...Don't think that I sleep well

Later, speaking before members of the Contractors' Association gathered in Jerusalem, Weizman called for pushing forward the

peace talks. this government under this prime minister will have to take difficult and clear-cut decisions with regard to a final settlement. What was decided at Oslo was decided, and now we are obliged

to carry it out." he said. Noting that the "process which has paused has not stopped." Weizman said that it could move forward again. "I am sure Hebron will soon be resolved," he said, expressing the opinion that it should be approved by a majority in the Knesset rather than by a referendum.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, flanked by Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky (left) and Finance Minister Dan Meridor (right), addresses the Knesset's social caucus yesterday.

Alternative to cuts in child allowances could be announced today

THE government is preparing an alternative to the cuts in child allowances originally included in its 1997 budget proposal, and the change could be amounced as early as today, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the Knesset's social caucus yesterday.

The cuts in child allowances, together with the proposal to institute payments for doctors' visits and a steep hike in co-payments for medicines, are the three main sticking poiots in the budget for coalinon MKs, who have repeatedly warned that the budget will never pass if these three items are not amended.

You have raised the issue of child allowances," Netanyahu told cancus members. "I think there is awareness of this issue on our parts. We understand [your objections]. On this, we truly need to try do something to solve the problem. I discussed a certain possibility with Finance Minister [Dan Meridor] this

EVELYN GORDON

morning, and we will finish our discussion tooight." Netanyahu also indicated that changes would be made on the health-related issues, though he did not say this explicitly. "I think these [child allowances and health]

are two central issues," he said. Most of Netanyahu's address was devoted to trying to persuade the MKs of the importance of the budget cuts.

The entire world is now looking at this house, at this place, at this time, and it wants to know one thing: Will they cut or won't they? Will they behave like a responsible government... or will they continue to party, when they have no money to pay for the festivities?"

If the budget is not cut, the result will be an

immediate lowering of Israel's credit rating, an astronomical rise in the interest rates it must pay to borrow money abroad, a rise in inflation, and a sharp drop in foreign investment, with a consequent rise in unemployment, he said.

With respect to both unemployment and inflation, the ones who will pay the price are those same poor whom you are justly trying to represent. Nemnyahu said. Without a cut, the social price will be very heavy. Therefore, the cut is necessary first of all to protect the poor... There is no argument over the fact that the cut is vital to secure our future."

Netanyahu also stressed that the budget includes measures aimed specifically at helping the underprivileged, such as the institution of small-group tutoring for weaker pupils, and yesterday's decision on new investment incentives for companies in development towns, including funds for training workers.

transatlantic volley at the Prime "The position of the administra-Minister's Office yesterday, in the latest international fallout over tion on the settlements has been consistent," Bar-Illan told Reuters

Israel's renewal of benefits for set-At his daily briefing yesterday. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns indicated to reporters that David Bar-Illan, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications director, was disrespectful to excellent. President Bill Clinton when Bar-

ments about the settlements as "semanoc posturing." However, Bar-Illan last night strenuously denled having used that term, saying he would never

Illan referred to the US's state-

use such language.
On Monday, Clinton said at the White House that Jerusalem's new policy encouraging settlers to come to the territories was "pre-empting" Israeli-Palestinian final-

status talks. Asked about Bar-Illan's statement, the normally reticent Burns said: "I don't believe that's a polite way to refer to the words of the president of the US, who, after all, is a very, very clear supporter of the State of Israel and has followed, since he came into office, a policy of support for Israel's defense needs, support for the security of Israel real friendship for Israel in a thousand different

So when the president of the eaks, we very respectivity would hope that other friendly governments would listen with

respect." Secretary of State Warren Christopher told reporters that talks on Hebron "are not making the progress that we had all hoped that they would make. The recent statements by Prime Minister Netanyahu on the settlement issue have caused concern."

Burns also stated that the administration thought it was "rather disappointing" that a deal on IDF redeployment from Hebron had not been concluded. He said a deal was nearly completed more than two months ago and that therefore "it is not unreasonable for the US and other countries to be disappoioted that this agreement, which is fairly straightforward, should not have been put together by now.

"We are asking the Israelis and the Palestinians to put their shoulders to the wheel to get the deal

THE State Department lobbed a done. This is a time of great tension in the Middle East."

in Jerusalem. They are opposed to any activ-

ity on the settlements and we have to try to change their minds but obviously we haven't been able to," he told Reuters, insisting that ties with Washington are still lo another development, Tunisia

has put relations with Israel on hold, saying Jerusalem has failed to honor agreements signed with the Palestinians, Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia told the Tunisian parliament yesterday. "Several of you have asked for a

break for reflection over normalization with Israel. This is exactly the state of Tunisian-Israeli relations," the minister told parliament, according to Reuters.

The new Israeli government has gone back on israel's commitments and rejected the implementation of agreements signed with the Palestinian Authority." Ben Yahia said. "It acts and [its] expansion of settlements are continuing in violation of accords and international decisions."

Tunisia and Israel established low-level diplomatic relations this year by opening offices in Tunis and Tel Aviv, ostensibly under the sponsorship of Belgium, Tunisia also opened a mission in Gaza. It ic ries with Israel will be affected operationally.

Tunisia's move follows announcements by Qatar and Oman, which also said they are putting ties with Israel on hold.

Bar-Illan said he hoped the move was only declarative without operational implications, but added, 'let's face it. What the Arabs are doing now is only a result of their coordination of positions at the Arab summit, which occurred almost immediately after the prime minister took office. It is a form of psychological warfare."

The move by Tunisia was the third blow to the Netanyahu government on the settlement issue within two days time, as it comes on the heels of Clinton's criticism of settlements and a letter signed by former secretaries of state and

national security advisers urging (Continued on Page 9)

RAINE MARCUS

FORMER justice, minister Ya'acov Ne'cman, who resigned from his post in August. was indicted in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday for disrupting a police investigation and submit-

ting a false declaration. On' Ne'eman's appointment as justice minister on June 18, 1996, a petition was filed with the High Court of Justice protesting the appointment and accusing Ne'eman police to launch an investigation into Ne'eman's activities.

The first charge Ne'eman was indicted for relates to an allegedly false statement he gave to the High Court. The second charge accuses him

of disrupting an investigation by denying having any connection with the subjects in the case.

According to the indictment, he deliberately lied and gave false statements to conceal his coonection to all parties involved.

of suborning a witness. Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair urged Israeli accuses Spice Girls

of ripping off her song WHILE topping the pop charts across Europe. the Spice Girls hit "Say You'll be There" became the focus of a controversy here yes-

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The five-members of the allgirl group - seen in their videos clad in tight T-shirts and short miniskirts - have been accused of copying the song from Idit Shechtman, who released a practically identical song two years ago m Israel.

Shechtman, now 19 and serving io the IDF, recorded Bo Aylai ("Come to me") at Track Productions recording studio in Tel Aviv. managed by David Levine. in 1995, but it went nowhere. Shechtman was therefore shocked when, tuned into MTV. she heard the Spice Girls repeating her words. lyrics and

song.
-I was hurt, hurt very much,"

said Shechman. "But I am also flattered," she admitted. She also complained that 'niv song wasn't fantous, but theirs is.' She also was candid enough to acknowledge that this publicity will only do her

good, though. Shechtman's song, which she wrote, was copyrighted in Israel. The quesoon the lawyers are tackling is whether this is internationally binding.

Her lawyer assumes that a tourist purchased the song here in 1995 and took it back to England, where it possibly was played in a few clubs, heard by

DANIEL J. CHALFEN

the British group, and subse-

quently copied.



Idit Shechtman

Shechtman said she believes that it "is rare, very rare, for the same song with the same words to be written in two different places

in the world." ·The Spice Girls, however, have a reputation for being tough girls who stand up for themselves.

"Say you'll be there" is a video that shows just that. The girls are dressed like cartoon superheroines doing Kung Fu style The group shot to fame with

their hit single "Wannabe," which topped the charts across Europe earlier this year. Shechtman's intendons may not have been the same, but her words and music, which appear to super-

impose on to the Spice Girls sin-Shectman, who is to finish her army service in several months, said she hopes to become a professional singer.



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Peres: PM, GSS in crisis

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR Party leader MK Shimon Peres said yesterday that in all his days in government in the past decades he could not remember such a crisis between the government and the intelligence community as currently exists.

Peres said that the prime minister holds internal discussions with the security apparatus leaders, but he makes the decisions and bears responsibility. "I've never come across a prime minister who tried to shift the

blame onto his advisers, or a prime minister or defense minister [who] leaks confidencial details of internal discussions to the press,"

Peres added that not only did Netanyaho attribute quotes to certain heads of the security apparatus, but he also quoted them inaccurately, in order to create the impression that they said something they did oot. He pointed out that what Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu did in GSS head Ami Ayaloo's case had put the security heads in an

What he did constitutes a threat to all those who have coofideotial debates with him. They will hesitate before they speak their mind the next time. What the prime minister did is a guarantee of wrecking any kind of staff work," Peres stated.

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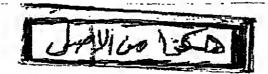
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Peres: I have no intention of joining gov't

Labor on the offensive to shorten Netanyahu term

LABOR Party leader Shinton Peres said vesterday that Labor has no intention of joining Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government in view of its resounding failures.

At the same tinte. Labor's leadership is intensifying its challenge against Netanyahu, in an effort to shorten his term. At a press conference sum-

ming up the government's first six months. Labor's leadership announced an offensive against the government, among other means, by getting the public out onto the streets in protest against its shortcomings.

In what appeared to be an about turn. Peres said "it is clear as the midday sun that we cannot enter the government in this situation and in the way it is presently run. I'm not looking for ways 10 join the government. I'm looking for ways to stop the unprecedented deterioration, and we are running out

MK Haim Ramon said "Netanyahu is dangerous to Ismel, He has become a security liability and his days in government must be cut short in any way possible. Only one thing can effect that - public opinion, Labor must conduct a relentless battle to show the government's shortcomings.

"Instead of bringing secure peace, as he promised. Netanyahu is securing failure. Never has a prime minister caused in such a short time such grave damages in so many

domains." Ramon said. "Likud ministers and members of the coalition factions MICHAL YUDELMAN

that they are as concerned for the country's future as we are." He noted the coalition partners are receptive to public opinion and their voters, and the latter will ultimately pressure them to stop this situation.

Today it's difficult to get 200,000 people into the streets. but we are sounding all the alarm bells and hope the public awakens before the catastrophe. rather than afterwards."

Labor secretary-general MK Nissim Zvilli said the government's six-month balance sheet is naked of any achievement. direction or policy.

On the other hand, "the deterioration is evident everywhere. We wouldn't have believed a few months ago that the infrastructure of confidence built so painstakingly between Israel and its neighbors and the rest of the world over four years, to build a new political reality. could be destroyed so swiftly.

"The public is sending out distress signals of depression. caused by the lack of leadership. We need a leading, creative leadership with initiative. exactly the opposite of what we

Zvilli said the government's policy will be so damaging to so many aspects of people's lives that they will come out to the streets in protest.

MK Professor Shlomo Ben-Ami said Israel has never experienced such a leadership crisis and credibility gap between the public and its prime minister. He spoke of the "wave of pessimism rising in the country

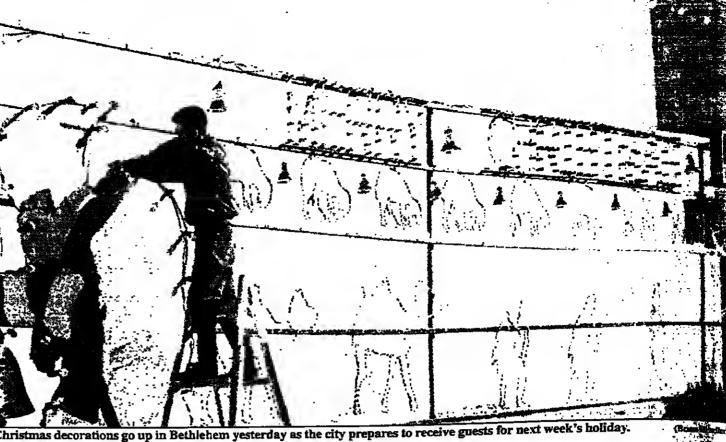
from one end to the other. There is fury and frustration in the development towns, a feeling of betrayal among Netanyahu's

supponers." Ben-Ami compared Netanyahu to "a ticking bomb heading towards a national disaster. He cannot make decisions, and when he does, it either causes an explosion, as in the tunnet affair, or he caves in. It's important the public realizes the breakdown in his functioning. In the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee meetings there is an intolerable distance between what we know to be the reality and the complacency of the prime minister, who

floating somewhere else." Ben-Ami said "Israel is weak with Netanyahu because its security, its international relations, and its economy are damaged. You cannot build an economy and grow, by drastically harming the weaker classes and middle income

3 die on roads

THREE people were killed and 91 injured in 75 accidents on the nation's roads yesterday. Stella Yaskovitz, 42, of Tel Aviv. was killed and seven people injured in Eilat when a jeep of Israeli tourists swerved onto a sidewalk and flipped over. A pedestrian was killed vesterday afternoon while trying to cross the Geha Highway. An eight-year-old boy was slightly injured yesterday morning in a hit-and-run accident



Bethlehem beset by problems, but full of Christmas spirit

AS Christmas rolls around, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij is beset by problems: Problems concerning the relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. of which he is the tourism minister, and problems of his own town. But, he insists that the problems won't spoil the holiday atmosphere.

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The people are happy and smiling," Freij said yesterday, following a visit by Tourism

Minister Moshe Katsav. Freij said that the people of the town, which annually commands the attention of the world on December 24, were encouraged by the peace process and by Katsav's visit. He stressed that Bethlehem was safe for foreign tourists and Israelis alike. Noting that Katsav had come with a large entourage of bodyguards and security personnel, the Bethlehem mayor insisted that the Tourism Minister could have left them at HAIM SHAPIRO

"Believe me, if he had come without the secunity people be would have been just as safe."

In the town, workmen were yesterday putting up colored lights and decorations in Manger Square in preparation for the holiday, they will accompany the strings of Palestinian flags fluttering over the same space.

Local businesspeople were unhappy about the economic situation, which has come about to a large extent because of the extended closure which has stopped Bethlehemites from working in Jerusalem. "Business is 50:50. The closure isn't good for Palestinians or the Israelis, said Farouk Alfawi, owner of a restaurant off Manger Square.

At a press conference with Katsay, Frei noted that unemployment in the town now stands at 40 percent. But he was careful to differentiate between tourism and politics. Tourism to the Holy Land is a blessing. It is of mutual benefit to the Palestinians and the Israelis and we won't let politics interfere." he said. Katsav, who said that his visit was intended

to express the good will of the Israeli authorities, added that the tourist who comes to this pan of the world is not interested in politics. He also stressed that visitors enjoyed personal security "I would say that it is safer to be in Tel Aviv.

Jerusalem, or Bethlehem than it is to be in New York," Katsav said.

Freij said he had not brought up the issue of a 12-meter-high Christmas tree sent from Finland

Shahak: Stop discussing cause of Western Wall Tunnel riots

IDF Chief of Staff Annon Lipkin-Shahak made a plea yesterday to the press: Stop focusing on the opening of the Western Wall

In a briefing with parliamentary reporters following a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Comntittee, Shahak said the story "had been blown out of all proportion."

On Monday, the Knesset dealt intensively with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's statement that the security establishment had encouraged him to open the tun-

nel.

"The political echelons, to the best of my knowledge, did not try to put the responsibility on the military." Shahak said. "I understand that it's a cute news story but no good can come out of it, not to the state and not to anyone."

General Security Service head Ami Ayalon later told parlianientary reporters that he had had no

intention of resigning and that he nad no problem continuing work with the prime minister. He joked that he did not have time to read the newspaper stories on the affair and therefore had nothing to

MK Ori Orr (Labor). like Shahak, called on the committee to be satisfied with the statements by Netanyahu and Avalon and not to hold additional inquiries into the decision to open the tunnel

We should let the GSS get on with the main struggle - against Hamas and the Islamic Jihad - and [we] should overcome our political

of preserving national security. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid was the only committee member present who objected to Orr's suggestion to drop the topic of the funnel exit from the committee's agenda.

"It was the prime minister who re-raised the issue. We have no argument with the GSS head but we do have with the premier because the decision to open the tunnel exit caused the deaths of at least 100 people. Israelis and Palestinians, and we cannot just ignore the deaths of 100 people."

Elsewhere in the Knesset, State Control Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) said he would recommend that the committee make public the nunutes of the meeting it held with the heads of the security establishment on the tunnel

Tzur Shalom cemetery in Kiryat Bialik yesterday, after succumbing to the critical wounds he suffered in the Beit Lid suicide bomb attack nearly two years ago. Throughout that period his fam-

CPL. Assaf Ben-Or. 21. was

buried in the military section of

ily spent every day at his bedside. hoping and praying that he would regain consciousness. "It has been a very, very difficult

period, but at least there was nope. Assai s fainer Emmanuel Ben-Or said at their home in Kiryat Bialik a few hours before the funeral. "For as long as nothing else hap-

pened, we always had hope. This is what kept us going, despite all the emotional heartache." said Ben-Or.

We were at his bedside every day, myself and my wife, or our children and other members of the family, as well as friends, while he was hospitalized at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, in Jerusalem, then at Beit Levinstein and later when he was brought to Horev medical center in Haifa."

'We never lost hope'

DAVID RUDGE AND BATSHEVA TSUR

army bases - Noa to Tel Aviv and Assaf to join his unit in the territories on January 22, 1995.

Noa had tried to persuade him to o with her all the way to Tel Aviv, but he insisted on disembarking from the train at Netanya, from where he made his way to Beit Lid, en route to his unit.

"Noa said at the time that the minute Assaf got off the train she started to cry for no ap son. They were twins and it is difficult to understand the very close relationship between twins. It's very possible she felt something. It was certainly a moment of sensitivity," said Ben-Or.

the Soldiers Welfare Association by the Beit Lid junction when the first suicide bomber struck. He immediately raced to the aid of the wounded when the second explosion rocked the area. The young soldier, who served

in the combat engineers unit, was seriously wounded in the head and other parts of his body in the second blast.

never regained consciousness. "He was never alone for a minute. There was always somegone." said Ben-Or. body with him," said Ben-Or. "We talked to him and tried to get him Emmanuel and Ziva; his twin sister Noa. and brothers Roi and to speak. We also used sign lan-

few months he did respond by hand pressure or eye signals. We always had hope, but now he's Assaf is survived by his parents

"We maintain that in the past

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urges to anack the prime minister. His death on Monday brought exit opening "to prove that the in the hope of building a system of prime minister is spreading disback memories of the last time Hc was taken to Hadassahtrust between him and the head of torted information." He accused they had seen him fit and well as University Hospital, where after the GSS,7 Orr said. He said mutueight days his condition worsened the prime minister of exploiting he and his twin sister Noa left al trust between the two is the basis Ayalon for political purposes. home to go to their respective and he lapsed into a coma and IAF seeks glide bomb for pinpoint strike Hebron students protest JON IMMANUEL

ISRAEL intends to be the first non-US customer to acquire the Joint Stand-Off Weapon (JSOW). a precision glide bomb that can

revolutionize air tactics. The deal was discussed during CORRECTION

NO representatives from the

Slovakian Embassy visited the protest tent of striking Israeli Arab council heads, contrary to our December 12 report.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Ctub will take place today at 1 00 p.m. at the YMCA, King Oavid Street, Dan Kutter will speak on "My Olympic Experience". **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu's visit to Washington last week, Defense News reported in its latest issue. The JSOW was jointly devel-

oped by the US Navy and Air Force and is scheduled to enter

Winning cards and numbers

IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, the seven of hearts, the queen of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

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"It's not a strategic weapon. It is not going to change the outcome of a war. But it would give capability of one aircraft to attack a various number of targets," said a source familiar with the weapon system. "It also allows the aircraft to avoid flying directly over a target, thus reducing the risk to it and the pilot. It helps the air force to have multiple targets with one

a tank formation and move on to

Ben-Eliahu also expressed desire for other, cheaper precision weapons like the Joint Direct Attack Munition, a laser-guided kit attached to bombs which allow then to be released from great heights with deadly accuracy.

STUDENTS took to the streets for the fifth day vesterday to protest the continued closure of Hebron

University, conducting an improbable class in probability theory on the sidewalk of an urban highway surrounded by soldiers and police. The IDF declared the quiet street outside the university a closed

military zone, compelling the studenis to walk down to the busier intersection, the main road to Beersheba, where their protest briefly blocked traffic and attracted public attention. They carried a few cardboard posters in Hebrew. English and

Arabic calling for "the release of imprisoned books." When some of the 150 students resisted the move, soldiers grabbed two and tried to push then into military jeeps. Other students and administrative staff intervened when the proceedings threatened

to become more violent. The soldiers said they only demanded obedience to their orders and the administrators guaranteed the good behavior of the students. The arrested young men were then released and the tension among the soldiers gave way to relaxed

smiles. University spokesman Nabil Abu Zneid said he could not uoderstand why the army preferred that the students protest on a main thoroughfare where they could attract more public attention and

increase the risk of violence. The Israeli army is on one side and the whole population is on the other side. I think it is a stupid mistake," he said. The local IDF officer had

received orders from a more senior officer outside the area who wanted the protesters away from the campus, which he assumed generated passions. The local officer explained, "This is closed, but we are not against freedom of speech. They can protest just like people in Tel Aviv."

About 30 students, of the 1,600 who attend the university, sat on the sidewalk as statisticians Dr. Nabil Kokali and Dr. Akram Tamimi scrawled equations on a blackboard.

No one could figure the probability of the university reopening

Druse Syria sympathizers attack Israeli compatriots

CHIEF of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that for the first time. Golan Druse with Syrian sympathies are attacking Druse who hold Israeli identity cards or otherwise identify with Israel.

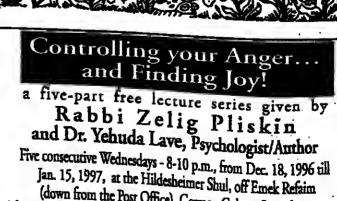
"In recent months, we have seen an increasing phenomenon of attacks on Druse Israeli resiLIAT COLLINS

dents. Several incidents have been recorded of attacks on businesses belonging to Druse who have Israeli idenuty cards. I see this as a daogerous phenomenon. mainly because in the past. despite internal divisions among the Druse relating to Israel, they have not harmed one another."

Sbahak said, according to an official briefing. "The phenomenon stems from Syrian sympathizers in the Druse villagers."

He announced that the closure had been lifted yesterday from Ramallah. He also said the yeshiva had returned to the Joseph's Tomb area in Nablus where the IDF is examining its deployment.





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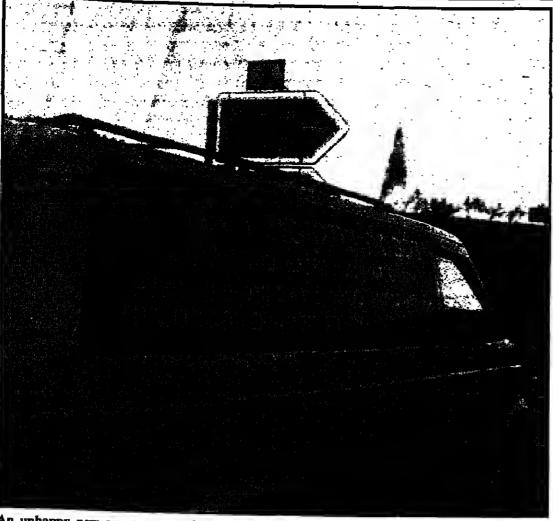
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Labor court orders talks after Haifa Chemicals riot

A TENSE quiet reigned at the strike-bound Haifa Chemicals plant last night following riots late on Monday in which 12 people eight of them workers - were miured.

Disturbances continued yesterday morning when angry workers, who charged that management had hired security guards to beat them into submission, spotted two senior officials trying to enter the plant in the bayside industri-

They surrounded the two, accusing them of being responsible for the "brutal beating" of their colleagues the night before. The officials managed to flee in a taxi to another part of the plant and were later escorted away from the area by police.

During those disturbances, the tire of a police car sent to the scene was slashed and two company cars parked outside the plant's offices were overturned.

A semblance of calm was restored following the intervention of Baruch Zaltz, chairman of the Histadrut's Haifa branch who visited the site yesterday accompanied by Histadrut head Amir Peretz.

Peretz promised the workers that the Histadrut would continue to support them in their legitimate struggle to prevent massive firings and a new collective labor agree-

Zaltz pledged that the Histadrut would take legal steps to suc the security guards allegedly

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responsible for beating the workers, the management of the security firm and "those who hired their services."

According to the workers, violence erupted when scores of security guards, armed with batons and knuckle-dusters, attacked a group of six workers on picket line duty near the entrance to the plant's wharf where supplies of ammonia - the raw material used by the firm - are delivered by sea and loaded onto

"I was going out to the picket lines to relieve those on duty there and I saw one of my work colleagues lying on the ground with his bead cut open. Another had his jaw broken and his teeth knocked out. It was terrible," said a work-

"There were over 100 of these so-called security guards, more like hired thugs, who just attacked the six guys on the picket line and beat them up." said the veteran employee, who was one of over 120 of the firm's 500 workers who received dismissal notices last month.

The notices were subsequently temporarily suspended by order of the Haifa Labor

The uninjured employees called for help and ugly scenes developed, as police who were called in to restore order tried to keep the work-

ers and the security guards apart.

Two of the injured workers were still being treated in Haifa's Rambam Hospital yesterday. Six other workers were hurt - as well as two policemen, a security guard and a journalist before calm was restored.

Police arrested three of the security guards but later released them after questioning. Management blamed the workers for the disturbances and indicated it would lodge a complaint with police over the attempted attack on the two officials yesterday.

In the meantime, however, the Haifa Labor Court yesterday ordered the two sides to resume negotiations and instructed them to eport back to the court on Sunday.

Management wants to annul the collective labor agreement in order to implement sweeping efficiency measures and enable the company - the world's biggest manufacturer of potassium nitrate, which is used as a fertilizer in agriculture - to compete profitably on overseas

The workers - with the Histadrut's backing have opposed the plans, which involves widespread dismissals, fearing this would lead to the introduction of personal contracts.

The Histradut has put forward alternative proposals that would save the company \$8 million a year. These are be discussed when the negotiations with management resume

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girls' stockings

Compromise reached over mom's ice burial

RAINE MARCUS

THE body of Miriam Astrovsky. which her son and daughter wish to bury in a glacier in Alaska, will be huried before 12 noon today in either formaldehyde or paraffin, a Tel Aviv District Court judge ruled

Moshe and Rachel Be'er, who originally placed the body of their mother in a specially prepared fridge after her death on December 3, requested to preserve the body in the hope that scientists may one day bring her back to life. The body was then transferred to Tel Aviv's Wolfson hospital.

On Sunday, police asked the court to order the burial of Astrovsky according to Jewish law. The request was backed hy Health Ministry representative Dr Avital Cohen, who said it was impossible to freeze bodies so _ong after death. Moshe and Rachel Be'er had said that they wished to freeze the body in an

one day scientists would discover how to bring back the dead to the land of the living.

Hevra Kadisha official Rahbi Nahum Hacohen Kook had said that Astrovsky herself was religiously observant and twelve years ago had purchased a grave in the haredi section of Holon cemetery, near family graves. However, Kook said that "considering the sensitive mental state of the siblings," Hevra Kadisha was prepared to compromise regarding the

Yesterday Judge Amiram Binyamini ruled that Astrovsky's body be buried in a wrapping containing formaldehyde or paraffin, the latter at the sibling's request. hy 12 noon today.

After the hearing, Dr Cohen said it was ritticulous that the body be flown to Alaska, and that freezing bodies should be carried out with in 48 hours of death, usually after

New product may eliminate uterine X-rays

JUDY SIEGEL

infertility in women may be replaced by a painless and harm-less ultrasound technique, as Israel joins the final stage of clinical tri-

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als of a German product.

Dr. Ehud Margaliot, head of the in-vitro fertilization unit at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, disclosed yesterday that it was the first in the country to use Echovist, a form of galactose (a sugar), in a solution that produces bubbles picked up by ultra-

sound. At a hospital conference on women's health organized in conjunction with the Israel Council of Women's Organizations, Margaliot said that hundreds of women each year must undergo a uterine X-ray to determine the cause of their are completed, Echovist is to be infertility - especially whether approved by the US Food and there are blockages in their Drug Administration.

A usually painful and undesirable rallopian tubes and if the interior of their wombs is normal.

But this problem does not show up under an ordinary ultrasound, thus requiring an X-ray of the womb using a very painful injection of contrast medium. About a quarter of all infertile women undergoing diagnosis have to undergo such an X-ray.

However, the Schering company in Germany developed Echovist, whieb is injected through the cervix into the uterus and makes an ultrasound scan (using a type of sound waves instead of X-rays) possible. Two women underwent the procedure successfully this week, and 20 more are due to bave it in the coming months. When the international trials (in Germany, Scandinavia, the US and Israel)

It's official: Entire country has 7-digit phone numbers

JUDY SIEGEL

EVERY phone number in the country now has seven digits, after the 06 dialing region in the North got an additional number -6—last night. Phone users who aren't sure about the new numbers can call 177-022-0707 for general information. Bezeq said that to help callers get used to the new numbers in the North, they can continue using six digits for an interim period. However, within a few weeks, the six-digit numbers will

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said the changeover to seven digits is a milestone for the company. "We completed a complex and long process of standardizing the number system, but this will bring about an improvement of service."

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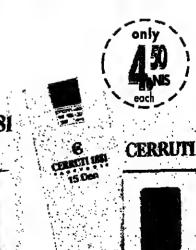
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SIX foreign aid workers, five of them women, were shot dead as they slept in a Chechen vil-lage yesterday in a cold-blooded assault on their hospital by masked gunmen using silenced weapons.

Local residents watched in grim silence as colleagues loaded coffins onto a white truck bearing the red and white logo of the International Committee of the Red Cross. whose staff was killed in the early morning attack on a hospital compound.

A small procession of vans made its way out of the compound in the village of Novye Atagi, where the ICRC hospital 17 km. from the capital Grozny has treated 1.500 people since it opened in September.

One pick-up truck was packed with luggage the belongings of those who were killed and of an injured worker who survived.

"It was an assassination," the ICRC's Thierry Meyrat said at a news conference in Moscow. saying the killers used guns with silencers and struck in several rooms of the hospital. "We can all bless ourselves that no more people

It was the worst single assault on ICRC workers and the bloodiest incident involving foreigners on Russian soil in many years.

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Iraqi

President Saddam Hussein's

eldest son Uday, who was shot and

wounded on Thursday, appeared

on state television yesterday, speaking at ease with a Qatari

envoy and a reporter from the offi-

It was the first appearance of

Uday, 32, since gunmen attacked

his car as he was driving in

Baghdad in the al-Mansour dis-

Uday was flanked by bouquets

on his hospital bed. His body was

covered with a blanket and there

Shebab television, a channel

controlled by Uday, said: "He

[Uday] received the greetings of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad al-

Thani, chairman of the Qatari

official said yesterday.

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Saddam's son Uday

appears for first time

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Cooperation Sports Club, on the chairman of Iraq's Union of occasion of his surviving the Journalists for two sessions.

US drafting new proposals to pay UN dues

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The United States, worried about losing influence in the United Nations, is working on new proposals to pay off

debts of at least S1 billion to the world body, a senior State Department

International Organization Affairs, said several plans were being con-

Congress, unhappy about alleged UN over-spending and mismanage-

ment of peace-keeping operations, cut down past US contributions, lead-

ing to arrears that Washington puts at SI billion and the United Nations

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sidered to be put to the new Congress which takes office in January.

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he was subjected to."

The Qatari envoy spoke to Uday

at Ibn Sina hospital in Baghdad

and said the Qatari government

was ready to offer medical ser-

vices needed for his speedy recov-

Two opposition groups abroad have claimed responsibility for the

attack, but there has been no offi-

cial confirmation of the gunmen's

identity. Iraqi authorities have said

Uday heads Iraq's National

Olympic Committee and is also

head of the Iraq Soccer Federation. He owns Iraq's most

He holds a degree in engineering

and military studies. He was also

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NINO IVANISHVILI NOVYE ATAGI, Russia

"political provocation" aimed at disrupting presidential and parliamentary elections planned for January 27 under a controversial peace deal which met open opposition from many in Russia's security forces.

The hospital where the attack took place was opened by the Red Cross's Norwegian branch. which said at the time it had guarantees of security from both Russian and Chechen offi-

The Russian government appreciates the humanitarian activities of the Red Cross and decisively condemns this cruel and senseless crime." Interfax news agency quoted Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin as saying.

The murdered workers, four of them nurses, came from Norway, the Netherlands, Canada, Spain and New Zealand.

The ICRC in Geneva named them as Hans (construction technician. Netherlands Red Cross), Ingeborg Foss (nurse, Norwegian Red Cross), Nancy Malloy (medical administrator, Canadian Red Cross), Gunnhild Myklebust (nurse, Norwegian Red Cross), Sheryl Thayer (nurse,

New Zealand Red Cross) and Fernanda Calado, a Spanish nurse under contract to the ICRC. Christophe Hensch, a Swiss citizen who ran the project, survived but suffered gunshot wounds.

Meyrat said the Red Cross was pulling all its international staff out of Chechnya, leaving local staff to look after the hospital and a project supplying water to the heavily damaged

În Geneva, Jean de Courten, head of operations at the ICRC, said the convoy left Grozny at 1200 GMT for the nearby city of Nalchik in the Russian ethnic republic of Kabardino-

He said the gunmen struck at 4 a.m. local time and wore masks. Novve Atagi residents, long suspicious of

Russia's mouves in the Caucasus region, denounced the killings. "We are trying to investigate it, but I am con-

vinced it is a big provocation against Chechnya, against peace in Chechnya," said a local police officer. "We are sure that Russian intelligence is involved." "No sane person could have done this,"

added Ali Zabarayev, 45. "We knew these people and they worked in our village, nobody from us could have done this." (Reuter)

President Mobutu returns to Zaire after four months

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) - An ail-ing President Mobutu Sese Seke returned yesterday to Zaire to the cheers of thousands of supporters. determined to prove that he is still in control of a country shaken by a

rebel incursion. Traditional bands played as Mobutu, wearing his trademark leopard-skin cap, descended smiling and waving from his chartered jet flight from southern France. after four months of cancer treatment and convalescence in

The 66-year-old Mobutu was received by government and foreign dignitaries.

Embattled Prime Minister Leon Kengo wa Dongo greeted Mobutu at the bottom of the plane steps. The president was wearing a flowered shirt and was accompanied by his wife. Bobi Ladawa.

Dancing troops and children waving the green and yellow Zairian flags crowded around the red carpet, where he took a slow walk, and waved to the crowd.

The loud strains of several bands - from traditional African accnmpanied by painted dancers to more contemporary jazz - clashed furi-

Heavily armed soldiers tried to keep back the crowd of an estimated 7,000 people who were hanging over balconies and off the control tower at Ndjili International Airport.

Many supporters in the crowd said they saw Mobutu as their "savior," who was returning to stabilize the central African country. Even if he is sick, even if he is

weakened, his mere presence will energize the nation," said Boogombe Bohulu Ousmane, a member of the National Assembly and pro-Mobutu Union for Progress and Action party. We hope his returo will put an end to this crisis in the east. It has become too much."

The president, who has spent less than 24 hours in the capital in the last two years, was to be taken from the airport to Camp Tashatshi, a military encampment with a presidential residence in Kinshasa. There, Mobutu was to make a rare broadcast address to

welcoming bome Banners

"Papa" and declaring that the nation "will pray for your recovery." lined the boulevard that leads to the presidential palace. The Marshal, as he is known

here, returns to a military humiliated by a group of eastern rebels, and a country facing a shaky future, possibly without the man who has ruled since 1965. While the government has released little information about Mobutu's health, he has spent the past four months convalescing froro treatment for prostate can-

Since the rebel offensive began in October, Zaire's response has been limited to angry accusations against its neighbors and embarrassing battle losses. Zarrians seemed to want Mobutu back whether they love or hate him.

Mobutu is our last defense. Even people who don't like him believe he carries the solution, but the problem now is he's ill," wrote Kin-kiey Mulumba, pub-lisher of the Kinshasa daily Le Soft. "Does he have the energy to engage in the fight for the east of Zaire?"

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Emergency operator missed 'special training' for Olympics

ATLANTA (Reuter) - The emergency operator who fielded the phone call warning of a bomb at Centennial Olympic Park during the Atlanta games was never told how to handle such threats, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Atlanta Constitution said the woman should have placed an urgent call to law enforcement agencies assigned to protect the park in downtown Atlanta. Instead, she followed a routine procedure that treats bomb threats as a low prior-

As a result, the operator spent 10 minutes trying to find an address for the venue before forwarding the threat to a police dispatcher. The July 27 bomb threat was followed by an explosion at a free outdoor concert that left two people dead and more than 100

The newspaper said the operator, who has never been identified, missed "special training" that had been ordered for those who staffed the city's 911 emergency calling

But the report said the special training itself amounted only to a memo and quoted city officials as saying the 911 center was so chronically short-staffed that its dispatchers and operators had no time for ongoing training.

In the aftermath of the explosion, media reports focused on former Olympic security guard Richard Jewell as the only named suspect in the investigation. He was later cleared of suspicion by the Justice Department.

On Monday, Jewell's attorneys filed a lawsuit against an Atlanta radio station that had championed him while he was still the focus of the FB1 and the national news

Supercomputer breaks speed record

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) - An Intel Corp. desktop computer chip has become the building block of the fastest supercomputer ever built, a machine so powerful it can peer inside buman DNA and simulate nuclear explo-

The \$53 million supercomputer shattered the speed record by per-forming more than I trillion calculations a second.

Its speed will create a new era in supercomputing, allowing researchers to develop new drugs, predict weather and improve automotive and airline safety, US Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary

John Gibbons, the White House science adviser, said uses for the supercomputer range from finding oil and gas deposits to mapping DNA to prevent genetic diseases or birth defects.

The project also marks the beginning of a computer age that will allow incredibly powerful machines to be assembled from simple building blocks.

"It's a baby step toward being able to do a real simulation of the physical world," said Justin Rattner, an Intel supercomputer

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The record-breaking machine operated at 1.06 teraflops, or trillion floating point operations a second, according to tests last Wednesday. The previous record was 368 gigaflops, or billion calculations a second, set September 27 by Hitachi Corp. of Japan.

Intel, the computer-chip industry leader, hooked thousands of Pentium Pro chips together to set

IBM, meanwhile, is trying to build an even faster supercomputer, one capable of 3 trillion operations a second.



Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic listens to a three-member delegation of students from the central Serbian town of Nis. They

Milosevic meets with student marchers

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic met yesterday with students who marched 240 kilometers to present their demands for democracy. Students said he promised to investigate charges of elec-

The brief meeting in Milosevic's presidential office was the first time the Serbian leader has

met with protesters who have held four weeks of demonstrations since opposition victories in local elections were overturned. Milosevic has defended the election process

as fair, but publicly has been careful to keep a distance from the election commissions and courts that overturned the opposition wins. In recent days, as pressure from the West

mounted, they have given back election victories in Nis, the southern city that is Serbia's second-largest, and in Smederevska Palanka. Zoran Lilic, the figurehead president of the Yugoslav federation, indicated, after the Serbian president met with the students, that be breached the law," said Predrag Cveticanin,

may now purge associates in an attempt to save

"Wherever irregularities are discovered opposition demands should be accepted, and responsibility should be established," Lilic

Tens of thousands of people were on the streets of Belgrade once more in yesterday's

The students blistered and bloodied their feet in their 48-hour march to Belgrade from Nis. They were greeted overnight by about 1,000 Belgrade students on the highway between the two cities. The Nis students said they wanted to meet Milosevic to show him documents proving the opposition was robbed of its vic-

Students said Milosevic promised to investigate possible election fraud in the November 17 vote, and punish any wrongdoing.

"He promised to punish all those who have

one of the three Nis protesters who met

Milosevic in his office for 20 minutes. "I'm standing behind this," said Milesevic, according to a source who attended the meet-

Nikola Bozinovic, another student, said Milosevic pledged that "this country will never be ruled by foreign powers." Milosevic's statement echoed his state-run media which have claimed that the demonstrators were US and other Western stooges.

Bozinovic said the students insisted that the opposition be given back its electoral victory in Belgrade. But Milosevic didn't respond, be

About 30,000 Belgrade students demonstrated yesterday. More than 1,000 workers joined the protests, the first large group to take to the streets. Serbia's disorganized workers so far have stood on the sidelines, and large-scale participation would be crucial for shaking Milosevic's grip on power. (Picture, Page 8)

Hangar workers: NTSB trying to end TWA crash probe exploded because of sparks NTSB authorities in Washington fuel pump are alternative theories touched off by static occurring as and their workers on Long still being considered. SMITHTOWN, New York (AP) -Workers reassembling TWA Flight

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National Transportation Safety Board of trying "to shut the lights off" on the probe by suggesting the plane was brought down by static electricity. "It's their one-way ticket out of

800 wreckage accused the

here." said one accident investigator about the NTSB's newest position, that the catastrophic explosion in the center fuel tank might have resulted from a static electricity-induced spark. It's a theory the NTSB acknowledges it has no evidence to support. Dismayed workers said they

suspect the accident agency may be preparing the public for the possibility it might never determine exactly what's to blame for the deaths of 230 people, but wants to present a probable cause that would be nearly impossible to

"It's a theory no one can prove and no one can disprove." said the investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The agency took the position late last week that while nothing is certain, one of its leading theories was that the center fuel tank relations had become between

fuel passed through a pipe in a fuel

"The static electricity theory is premature," the investigator said Monday, "It's a catchall theory that when you can't prove anything else, you can point to that."

The public statements last Friday hit especially hard in the hangar in Calverton where crews have worked around the clock in search of a cause since the Parisbound plane exploded about 16 kilometers off Long Island on July

Even agency experts studying the electrical and fuel systems of the Boeing 747 were startled to hear what the public was being told. Many of them heard it on the

And James Kallstrom, who is heading the FBI investigation into the explosion, told reporters last week that he was surprised at the NTSB's public speculation that static electricity was to blame for the explosion.

Kallstrom declined to comment this week as it became increasingly clear how strained Island. Peter Goelz, an NTSB

a rift between officials to Washington and accident investi-

Still, the investigator said the workers felt "blindsided" by news spokesman, denied that there was of the static electricity theory,

since they weren't consulted beforehand and especially since gators at the hanger. He also noted only a small part of the pipe that faulty wiring and a missing involved has been recovered.

11 years later - large chunks of Challenger wash up on shore

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - Two large chunks of space shuttle Challenger washed up on the Florida shore yesterday, nearly 11 years after it exploded, killing all seven crew members.

NASA identified a rectangular piece of metal, 1.8 meters by 4.5 meters, as being part of Challenger, A smaller piece, 30 cm by 1.5 meters, was found about 10 blocks north, and was also verified as part of the doomed space ship.

The larger piece, believed to be part of the rudder, tail or wing flap, had pieces of thermal tile attached - proof that it was, indeed, from Challenger. Some of the tiles even had identification numbers still on them, said National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman Bill Johnson.

"It has been verified. It is for sure a piece of Challenger," Johnson The larger piece was found in the surf yesterday morning, nearby

Cocoa Beach. Officials had no immediate detail on who found it. The January 28, 1986, explosion killed Christa McAuliffe, who was to have been the first teacher in space, and her six crewmates, less than 1 1/2 minutes after liftoff.

PFLP's struggle for violence over democracy

ALESTINIAN public opinion has ed in the past to military activity. PFLP once again become increasingly occupied with the issue of settlements; and the terrorist attack oear

Meanwhile, for example, Faisal
Husseini, together with Peace Now Ramallal, that claimed the lives of a mother and son, brought to the surface both feelings of struggle against Israel, and iournal Palestinian differences.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Paestine (PFLP), led by George Habash, took responsibility for the murder, and has "promised" to continue the military struggle against the settle-

This came after a relatively long period during which the PFLP did not execute any military activity. (Palestinian activity against settlements was restrict-

activists, is trying to peacefully demonstrate against the Ras al-Amud settlement in east Jerusalem.

Palestinian Legislative Council member Salah Taamreh is also trying to organize peaceful demonstrations against settlement activity in the region. These two distinct ways of opposing the settlemeots - the violent and the oon-violent - embody Palestinian

Israeli policy. The differences also indicate the very real conflict about what the future

amhivalence about how to best confront

Palestinian state should look like. Those who want to conduct the military struggle intend to strengthen the military features of the Palestinian society by establishing a despotic state hased

on the military. Those who are trying to channel the struggle to more peaceful, democratic ways, with the support of Israelis, intend to educate the Palestinian society to move away from violence and undemocratic methods.

But this is only one expression of the internal differences. The timing of the PFLP attack was not random. It was not only the anniversary of the organization that preoccupied the minds of its leaders, but also the new trends inside the Palestinian Authority. and how they relate to opposing settle-

What mostly concerns the PFLP is the inclination of PA leader Yasser Arafat 10 make a strategic alliance with Hamas. Once those major forces inside the Palestinian political system unite, there will he no room for tiny groups like the PFLP to operate.

Furthermore, such a treaty may determine the nature of Palestinian society

far from the leftist notions of the PFLP to the right-wing. Moslem set of ideas. This may bring an end to a long period in which the radical organization

played a central role io Palestinian his-

The large Hamas demonstration in Khan Yunis last weekend manifested a desire on the part of Hamas to enter

such an alliance with Arafat. The terrorist attack came to declare that the PFLP would vanish into thin air, and if the alliance of the PA with Hamas is designed to be of a combatant nature, the "armed struggle" type of organization may disappear too.

But the hosses of the organization may find problems within the Authority. The PA found the operation extremely damaging, and the formal Palestinian press agency. Wafa. published a special statement that threatened the PFLP if it continued such operations.

The West Bank activists did not like the operation either, because it damaged the position of the PA, and, unlike the leadership that came from the "out-side," the "inside" cadres prefer to hundie the campaign in democratic ways not through armed struggle.

Here again we perceive the main schism between the local leadership of almost all groups that prefer democracy. and the orthodox PLO that finds it difficult to understand what democracy is

Dubai traders hit by drop in Russian shoppers

YOUSSEF KASSEM

United Arab Emirates official said oo Sunday that a drop in Russian and Eastern European shoppers, which has caused some Duhai traders to default on debts, world not hurt the Emirates' economy because it bad alternative markets.

"Dubai is an open market, Dubai and the United Arah Emirates have various regional markets," Mohammad Alabbar, director general of Duhai's Economic Department, told

"If there is talk about a decline in the number of Russiars, then we should remember that when the number of Indian shoppers receded, the Pakistinis came, theo the Iraniaus, followed by Africans and Gulf [Arab] nationals."

Barkers said traders with buge stocks of electronic goods, textiles, and household goods mainly cateriog to Russian shop-pers faste were having difficulties financing outstanding pay-

Thice Asian traders absconded last week leaving behind debts of about two million dirhams (\$540,000), local papers said. Bankers estimate bad debts in the retail market could be as

high as \$1 million. Travel industry sources said the decline in Eastern European shoppers - who flocked to the duty-free UAE on huylog sprees after the demise of the Soviet Uoion - started in early 1996.

Berween 1993 and 1995 more than 570 airlines were operating unregistered charter flights to the UAE [from the Commonwealth of Independent

"This dropped to 170 when control systems were established by the Russian civil aviatioo and IATA [International Air Transport Authority]," said a study by the Duhai-based Aviamost magazine.

About 40 flights from the CIS still arrive in the UAE per day, industry sources said.

Among other factors were an increase io Russian import duties and competition from other Middle Eastern markets.

Dubai, which promotes itself as a key regional trade and tourism center, said foreign visitors coordinated 13 percent to the Gulf Emirates' gross domestic product last year.

They expected a 63 percent increase in visitors by the end of the decade.

A study by the Dubai Trade and Tourism Promotioo Board said visitors from Russia and other former Soviet republics spend some \$1,000 per person per day - 96 percent of it oo

Analysts said Dubai traders and business people overreacted to the several-year Russian sbopping boom by buying huge stocks and building far too many sbopping malls against recommeodations by the International

Mooetary Fund. "Neither the IMF nor any government can ban competition, be it in shopping malls or produc-tion," Alabbar said.

"If there is default on the part of some traders, then this relatiooship is governed by the terms of the agreement hetween

the parties.



Los Angeles artist Lita Albuquerque sprinkles ultramarine blue powder on the yellow sands near the Giza pyramids. Her drawing

American artist wins prize for Pyramids art project

DALIA BALIGH

N American artist, whose project was balted after it East politics, finally got to draw a field of stars by the Pyramids last Sunday, and won a prize for

her work. "We did it." beamed Lita Albuquerque, a 50-year-old artist from Los Angeles, as she sprinkled ultramarine blue powder on the yellow sands of Giza. "And we got a phone call today that we won a prize. It is pretty wonder-

Albuquerque planoed to use 2.5 tons of blue powdered pigment to draw a field of stars around the

Pyramids. But her project was halted 10 days ago after rumors that she intended to draw a Star of David

The incident reflected the deep distrust of Israel which persists among Egyptians and the tension to relations hetween the two states nearly 18 years after the two countries signed a peace

ramed monuments

American diplomatic efforts finally paved the way for Alhuquerque to carry out her project. At the crack of dawn, she and

some 25 Egyptian art students headed for the desert near the Pyramids and mapped out 99 circles which represent the constel-

lation of stars. They then started filliog the circles with the blue pigment.

ace against time. The wind is blowing the powder away, and we need to take pictures before the circles are blown away and the sun sets." Albuquerque said.

The video and pictures taken during the drawing of the field of stars will be part of her project, which is the United States' entry at the Sixth International Cairo Biennale - an art festival which began last Sunday.

Alhuquerque's project dates back to 1988, when she got a vision of a hee covering the Pyramids during a visit to Egypt. The project is based on this

"I believe the bee is the essence

groups after 16 years of war in

1992 when Mexico's Lucia

Mendez came to Beirut and oer-

after a car bomh killed three peo-

vously performed a show, hours

of the soul returning to its star." said Alboquerque. The bee was also a symbol of one of the ancient Egyptian kingdoms, and she took the figure 99 from the 99 names which Islam gives to

Her indoor entry in the Cairo Biennale includes a room painted in ultramarine blue with clear glass shelves. On the glass, her poem of the

myth of the golden bee is written in Arabic and English. Images of stars, mystic Moslems, and bees are drawn

around the poem. A large hlue piece with golden bees inside stands in the center of the room.

The project won a prize of

Since then a stream of chart-top-

pers have come as security

improves steadily in Lehanon.

They have included Rednex, Dr.

Alban, Chris De Burgh, Samantha

Fox, Demis Roussos and Patricia

. . . .

Khameini: Aggression on Iran risks Gulf security

RAN'S spiritual leader said last week that any aggression against the Islamic Republic could destabilize the whole Gulf

Any aggression or attempts to make Islamic Iran insecure will make the Persian Gulf more insecure for the enemies of the Iranian nation, particularly those living in glass houses," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a speech carried hy the state-run news agency IRNA.

Khamenei, who is also the commander-in-chief of the Iranian armed forces, said Iran was not a threat to the region and that it was protecting Gulf security.
"Outside powers and their fol-

lowers in the region should know that the security of the Islamic Republic of Iran cannot be separated from that of the region," he said in an address to a crowd of Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

The day when Iran enjoys secu-rity and calm, the region will be calm too," he said.

Western powers and their Gulf Arab allies have in recent months repeatedly expressed concern over Iran's rearmament program, saying it was a threat to the region. Leaders of five Gulf

Cooperation Council states called ----- '-' on-han-at the end of a three-day summit in Doha earlier last week to end its "occupation" of three Gulf islands claimed by the United Arah Emirates, a council member, and criticized Teheran's military development programs and its deployment of surface-to-surface missiles in the region.

The GCC group includes Saudi Arahia, Kuwait, Qatar, UAE, Oman and Bahrain, Bahrain did not attend the council's annual summit. The US has 27 warships in and around the Gulf as part of a "dual containment" policy to deter Iran and Iraq.

Iran, the region's oon-Arab power, is strategically placed at the entrance to the Gulf, the narrow Strait of Hormuz, through which 15 million harrels of oil

Kaas. But Lebanese fans are still

waiting for US hands, who are

unable to visit Lebanon due to an

11-year-old US State Department

(Reuter)

ban on travel to the country.

Beirut's former war zone inspires rock stars

EIRUT, which shook for years to the roar of hig guns, is rocking to a different tune Electric guitars and hard-rock

percussion are joining the wreckers' halls and pneumatic drills on the former Green Line battlefront where the Kalashnikov rifle and the rocket-propelled grenade once ruled supreme.
Scorpions, the legendary

German hard-rock band, is the latest in a string of international rock groups and pop stars to play Beirut since the 1975-90 civil war. Its adrenaline-pumping concert was the most lavish in the Lebanese capital to date, with earsplitting guitar solos and a thundering rhythm section.

"Beirut, there is no city like you," lead singer Klaus Meine bellowed to 15,000 screaming fans at the Beirus Forum, a recently built exhibition hall.

The fans, who paid up to 65,000 Lebanese pounds (\$41), or a quarter of the Lebanese minimom heauty in a see-through dress

monthly wage, were mesmerized by the raw rock hits. "It is a very positive vibe here. I think everybody and everything is set out for the future, for a better

future," Meine told reporters. Earlier, the Scorpions moved to the former battlegrounds to mime a video clip amid the ruins. Armed with Stratocasters, Flying-Vs and 16-mm cameras, the German rockers shot a clip in a war-gutted hotel overlooking the sea at the northern end of the former Green Line.

None of the grand hotels at the core of Lebanon's thriving prewar tourist industry has been rebuilt yet, although the government is putting in new roads, tunnels, bridges, electricity, telephone and sewage lines all around them.

Motorists driving past the former hotels district saw a leatherclad Meine lip-synching before the camera on a makeshift stage in front of the ruined 20-story Phoenicia Hotel

Inside the building, a hlonde

swayed atop a white stallion as

guitarists Matthias Jahs and Rudolf Schenker played before a hackdrop of more wrecked hotels. They were making the video for the Scorpions' latest single, "When You Came Into My Life."

Band members said the revival of life they witnessed in Lebanon on the last leg of a world tour their first appearance in the Middle East - might inspire a new

"I think coming here for the first time will be an inspiration; maybe there will be a song about this business bere for the next album," Meine told reporters. The band's 1989 hit hallad

"Winds of Change" - a symbol of the end of the Cold War era - was the biggest crowd-pleaser at the three-hour Beirut show. But Jabs' and Schenker's dual-

guitar assault on vintage songs like "Rock Like a Hurricane" and "Black Out" and the new "Wild also bad Beirut's HAITHAM HADDADIN

Generation X-ers jumping in the

"This event shows that winds of change are always somewhere over Beirut. So let us take you far away because you and I need a holiday," Beirut impresario Nagi Baz told the fans in a pun on the lyrics of the Scorpions' 1980s hit "Holiday."

Despite a heavy security escort, the five hand members were relaxed, joking and signing autographs at a news conference in Beirut's newly opened Hard Rock Cafe, itself a sign of the rapidly changing times in the reviving

Only four-and-a-half years ago two Germans, Heinrich Struebig and Thomas Kempmer, were the last Western hostages freed by Moslem militants after a rash of kidnappings during the civil war. War-weary Lebanese first began getting a taste of international ple outside the stadium. Major NEW Edition

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Gulf papers warn UN's Annan over US influence

ULF Arab newspapers on Sunday urged Ghana's Kofi Annan, clected as the new UN secretary-general, to ensure the organization did not turn into an instrument of the US government. Saudi Arabia's Al-Riyadh daily said US threats to withhold its financial commitments to the UN rendered the "selection and depar-

general an American decision. "The issue at the international organization is not in the departure of people and selection of replacements but, in its basic rules and the American hegemony over it," the

ture of the organization's secretary-

Khalcej Times of the United Arab

Emirates said Annan "will have to prove to the other members of the Security Council that he is not an

American puppet. "Being an old UN hand and an insider, he will have to guard against Washington's plan to make him something of a chief adminis-trative officer." it added.

Annan, 58, who heads UN peacekeeping operations, won the unanimons support of the 15-member Security Council on Friday after France dropped its previous veto

Annan will take over on January 1 from Egypt's Bourros Bourros-Ghali, who sought a second term but was vetoed by the United (Reuter)



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The prime minister's responsibility

THIS week, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon did not object to the decision to open the new Western Wall Tunnel exit in September. In fact, Netanyahu claimed, the GSS encouraged him to open the tunnel exit. A close reading of public statements at that time, coupled with a subsequent statement by Ayalon, shows that Netanyahu was cor-

The opposition leaders who rushed to imply that Netanyahu was lying should apologize. It is still a mystery, however, wby Netanyahu would pick a public fight with a key security chief at

At a news conference following the outbreak of violence in September, Ayalon said that he had conditionally supported the opening of the tunnel. The conditioos were that it should be linked to the start of talks on Hebron redeplovment and to an understanding with the Moslem Wakf allowing them to use the Solomon's Stahles on the Temple Mount,

At the same time, Ayalon implied broadly that the security services were fully aware that violence was about to break out. He said, "We saw for a long time that all the elements of the inflammation were there. ... We couldn't say what would be the straw [to break the camel's hack.]" The security chiefs at the press conference also pointed out that they had not been involved in the decision as to when the tunnel exit should be opened, only on the decision in principle.

Based on the mixed signals giveo at the press conference and subsequent leaks from unnamed security officials, the general impression was that Netanyahu had overridden the security ehiefs' recommendations in deciding to open the tunnel.

Yesterday, this newspaper reported that a high-level official in the Prime Minister's Office claims to have transcripts proving that the security services were much more support. ive of the decision than they admitted in its immediate aftermath. The transcripts show that Netanyahu repeatedly asked "are you sure about the timing?" and received affirmative answers.

The source claimed that security officials urged Netanyahu, "let's do it already," arguing that the move would belp local Arab merchants. There were oo warnings about rioss, only that "some people are sure to make some noise." The picture that is emerging is one of a prime minister who was poorly advised by his security officials, and of those officials trying to escape responsibility for their intelligence failures by distancing themselves from a disastrous

The fact is that intelligence services are often as hlindsided by events as the elected leaders they advise. Seminal events, such as the attack on Pearl Harbor, the collapse of the Soviet Union, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and - in our own context - the Yom Kippur War, the intifada, the assassination of Yitzhak Rahin, and the tunnel riots, were not predicted in a way that was of much use to decision makers. Just as generals must be wary of fighting the last war. intelligence analysts tend to watch for the last

That said, the proper response to massive intelligence failures is not to run for cover but to admit fallihility and learn lessons. In Japan, until recently, failure meant suicide; in Britain it meant resignation. In Israel, the first response to

failure is often to blame someone else. The prime minister, by seemingly trying to tar the GSS with partial responsibility for his decision, has himself compounded the initial error of judgment made by his advisers. Until now, Netanyahu suffered the security services hiding behind his skirts in silence - he should have continued to do so.

It serves no one for the prime minister to accuse the security services of misleading him. even if true. Such accusations will inevitably sour relatioos between decision makers and analysts, and reduce public confidence in both.

In particular, this flap accentuales the feeling of a siege mentality surrounding the Netanyahu government. It is not new, of course, for prime ministers to keep the circle of trusted advisers very small. Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was also known to keep very close counsel. It is also true that the media inevitably accentuates division and ignores cooperation within the government.

The impression remains, however, that the prime minister does not trust the eareer bureaucracy that surrounds him. This impression should be remedied by efforts to fully include career officials in the advisory process, for too little trust within government is not a healthy

This does not mean the prime minister has to accept every piece of advice proffered. Intelligence analysts in particular are notorious for making wide predictions that cover every possibility - which minimizes their chances of being wrong without giving decision makers the pointed judgments they need. In the end, the elected leadership must integrate the analysts' recommendations with other considerations, make a judgment call, and bear the responsibility for the results.



From unfair to absurd

OCAL government is, to put it delicately, in a hit of a

Many municipal authorities cannot pay their workers' wages; others cannot provide residents with a full range of services.

Recent weeks have seen the

country facing strikes hy many of these municipalities. They are protesting against what they view as the lack of attention paid to local government affairs hy their central government paymasters.

If the problems are serious in many of the Jewish settlements, they are three omes as serious io

their Arab counterparts.
The mayors and officials of Arab local government authorities, beginning their annual conference in Herzliya today, will attempt to pressure central government, in particular the Interior Ministry, into finding solutions to some of these problems.

Walking through neighboring Jewish and Arah municipalides one doesn't have to be a trained planner or geographer to see that, compared with their Jewish counterparts, the Arabs suffer from underdevelopment. Nor need one be a statistician to glance at local government budgets and see that the Arab sector is starved of resources compared with the Jewish one.

None of it is secret. It's out there for all to see, and it raises questions about the nature of our democracy. Are we practicing equal rights for all, or only preaching them?

If we truly aspire to full integration of our ethnic minorities as part of the Israeli citizenry there seems little point in creating separate levels of socioeconomic development for Jews and Arabs.

Can we really expect Israel's Arah residents to profess their loyalty to Israel - rather than to an increasing sense of Palestinian identity - if they continue to be excluded from much of the social and economic progress that is part of Israeli life?

OF particular interest is the case of the new Beduin municipalides DAVID NEWMAN

in the northern Negev. Ever since the establishment of the state the government has promoted policies of settling the Beduin. Toward this end they have created five new townships in addition to the existing Beduin settlemeots of Rahat and Tel

While the government holds out the attractions of socioeconomic development to get the Beduin to

The 'mayors' of the Beduin communities don't live locally. Even their offices are far away

leave their tents and move into the oew townships, the policy has clear political underpinnings. It is part of an attempt to control the expansioo of the Beduin community and to try and minimize the amount of land directly occupied by these communities.

As part of the development pities have oow been accorded full municipal status. But instead of allowing them to hold their own free and direct elections, the government has imposed its own nintees to run loc a minimum period of four years, with the possibility of further extension through local government elections in 2003.

In some ways this policy is no different from that of Jewish settlemeots granted independent municipal status for the first time. The Interior Ministry often insists that the first council be appointed by ceotral government.

This is seen as a way for professional civil servants to help create the local government system while acquainting the inhabitants the potential mayors - with the basic tools of local government

But all too often these government appointees are not, to put it mildly, the best people for the job. The minister frequently appoints his own political affiliates, despite their apparent lack of qualifica-

Not only does this enable the minister to exercise direct control over these communities, it also provides highly generous pension opportunities for party hacks who have served as heads of local govemment authorities even for a short rime.

In the case of the Beduin communities, things have gone from the sublime to the ridiculous. The interior minister has appointed Shas party members to run these municipalides over the next four

These appointees have oo greater knowledge of local affairs than many of the highly-skilled professional residents (including doctors, lawyers and university lecturers) in the communities themselves.

The appointees go on living in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, "visiting" their communides once, or at best twice, a week. And in the case of the Beduin communities, they continue working out of offices located in Beersheha rather than in the communities themselves.

Rarely having contact with the local people, there is little way these 'mayors' ean understand the locals' real needs. Some of the Beduin communities have appealed to the High Court of local democracy.

The system wherehy central government appoints local councils and mayors - in Jewisb municipalities as well as Arab - is too open to political manipulation and clearly works against the public interest. It requires immediate

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Imed and true

YITZHAK YELLIN

NE of the topics on Monday night's Popolitica talk show was the dual citizenship of senior prime minister-ial advisers David Bar-Ilian and Dore Gold. The ugly specter of dual loyalty presided over the proceedings.

The acrimonious exchange of views was a disgusting display of Israeli xenophobia and jingoism at its worst.

Even in the most enlightened countries of the Diaspora lews have always had charges of dual loyalty leveled against them; now we have to hear it at home.

The dual loyalty issue is deeply bound up with the ambivalent way Israelis tend to view immigrants in general, particularly American immigrants.

Since many native Israelis secretly - and oot so secretly - hold that life in America is so much better than here and cannot understand why any sane individual would voluntarily give up the fleshpots of America for israel, the suspicion that these immigrams' motives may not be the purest is never far from their

minds. (They don't know the other side of it: that American Jews as a rule cannot believe one of their suc-cessful Jewish friends could be dumb enough to make aliya.)

The irony is that many Israelis would jump at the chance of "duality." Given the choice of getting a green card ind becoming American citizens, they wouldn't think twice. Aightly has it often been said that Israelis "sing the praises of aliye, but hate immigrants."

There is a reason why Americans who choose to remain here, despite all the difficulties, retain their American pasiports. It

Wake up, voli single-passport Israelis! We dual citizens love the Jewish state as much as you do

isn't so they can beat a quick retreat when the going gets particularly rough or a better deal is held out elsewhere.

Those American immigrants who make it here - and Bar-Illan and Gold are surely among the best examples of the breed - are in general a great bunch of Jews who teod to be far more accomplished and committed to Israel than the average Israeli.

It is American Jews who make it bere who are the real yordim, having left the (usually) far higher standard of living, as well as the prestige and power, they had in the US.

How dare Tommy Lapid, Sbevah Weiss and Ori Orr use the dual loyalty issue to question the integrity of the 60,000 American immigrants who stayed here (out of 120,000 who made aliya) and retain their American passports in addition to their Israeli ones?

THE American way of life could teach Israelis a whole lot about civilized debate. the Popolinica team would be a good place to begin.

The program is best known for its raucous, venomous exchanges, where it doesn't take much to get everyone yelling at everyone else and viewers, bewildered by the babble, are hard put to make sense of any issue up for discus-

Far from casting aspersions on Israelis who hold dual citizenship, I would venture to say that the best thing that could happen to this country would be for the majority of its citizens to "bold two passports" - in other words introduce some old-fashioned rules of civility and political debate to this young country.

Israelis think Israel is a real democracy. They ought not to be so afraid of learning something from those who come from a land that truly knows what democracy is: a government of the whole people with the principle of equal rights for all.

Wake up, you single-passport Israelis! We duals really do love the Jewish state at least as moch as you do.

And we did what the patriarch Abraham did to get here - we got up and left the country in which we had made our homes.

I wonder what our Israeli critics would do had they been born in America and been faced with the choice of making aliya or staying comfortably where they were.

The writer is a consultant on education and Israel-Diaspora relations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHOCKED

more reports appearing daily?

As an immigrant from Canada. I

cannot help but ask what kind of

country have I come to - not one.

certainly, that teaches and acts

upon our sacred Judaic values, the

alleged foundation of our society.

Kudos to The Jerusalem Post whose editorial of November 27

picked up this tragic reality. You

have suggested that both religious

and secular school pupils need to

Jewish history and the Arah neigh-

can we legitimately refute allega-

tions that we are huilding a racist.

It's true that they want Bar-Ilan

Street closed on Shabbat. So

what? There is an alternative

route that the drivers can use and

the haredim don't demand that it

be closed. If Ms. Aloni is so sen-

sitive to "tolerance," then cer-

tainly she should be able to

understand and tolerate their

predicament and work towards a

solution instead of hlaming them

en masse for crimes that the

majority don't commit, which

only leads to more hatred and

more intolerance. Ms. Aloni, as a

former leader of the party that

preaches tolerance and under-

standing, should know bener.

HINDA KING

apartheid society?

Sir, - I was shocked, angered and saddened by the survey, reported in The Jerusalem Post on November 26, concerning the attitudes of Jewish youth: that "more than one-third of Jewish youth hate Arabs, less than one-third said that they'd be prepared to host an Arah in their homes." Also, two-thirds said there was no need to give Arahs in Israel full rights, that is, persons who chose to stay in this country in 1948. who are Israeli citizens and comprise one-fifth of the population!

Is this the way our Israeli youth are growing up? Is this how they are being taught at home and at school? Is it any wonder that horder policemen are being accused

of violence lowards Arabs, with Petah Tikva.

OUTLANDISH CLAIMS

Sir. - I wonder where Shutamit Aloni gets her facts. On December 3 you quoted her as saying "they [the haredim] have tens of thousands of strong healthy young men, thugs who do not serve in the army... these people are violent, they've wrecked stores, vandalized cars, beaten up women who work in the Education Ministry in Jerusalem and attacked people driving on the roads." It's true that a small number are guilty of these acts, but that doesn't account for the "tens of thousands" that Ms. Aloni accuses. Since Ms. Aloni knows so much about the haredim. she certainly must know that there is broad condemnation of these acts by fellow haredim and their religious leaders.

Ra'anana.

PRISON CONDITIONS Sir. - I am outraged by the recent report that Yigal Amir will get a computer in his cell. Do other convicted murderers receive computers in their cells in Israel? How do Yigal Amir's conditions compare to those of his counterparts in the Israeli prison system and in that of the rest of the Western world? If his conditions are representative of the system, are we really achieving all our goals for the prison

system? The fact that Yigal Amir is in prison means that he cannot kill again. But if he has a computer and similar facilities at his disposal, is he really being justly punished for what he's done? How are these conditions going to deter another potential murder-

TAMAR SHAMIR

SELF-DESTRUCTIVE VOCABULARY

Sir, - All over Israel, Arabs build "homes." but Jews huild "settlements." Home is one of the most positive words for all peoples. Senlement is a negative and pejorative term for present-day Americans who are sensitive to their history and to millions who live in formerly colonial areas around the world.

It has been fruitless to advise the learn more about democracy. Labor government to cease using such self-destructive vocabulary. bors with whom we live. How else It is a major disappointment that the Likud has so far cononued the same. As a prohable consequence. in her column of December 1 Marilyn Henry reports that the PLO mission is attempting to have the UN term the settlements "colo-

WILLIAM SIMON

Tel Aviv.

ADVISERS

Sir, - According to your report of December 9, MK Ran Cohen objects to David Bar-Illan being an adviser to our prime minister because he also bas US citizen-

Why doesn't he object to Dr. Tibi, who holds Israeli citizenship and is an adviser on Israeli affairs to our enemy Arafat, head of the PA? At least, Bar-Illan is a citizen of a friendly country while Tibi is an adviser to our enemy - especially against Israel.

ABRAHAM POLACHEK Jerusalem.

DEMOCRATS ABROAD

Sir. - I would like to inform all interested US citizens that our required annual open meeting with take place on December 31, 4 p.m. at my home, 13/12 Moscovitz St. Rehovot. For further information call (08) 945-7671, Sunday through Thursday, between noon and 7 p.m. DAVID FROEHLÎCH.

> Secretary Democrats Abroad (Israel)

Rehovot.

Tragedy of the empty tap D'VORA BEN SHAUL

ture, environment and whatever else has been dumped into your hasket: Forgive me if I take up a few moments of your time.

I hope you've heen sleeping well these last few nights. because I haven't. In fact l haven't really slept well for quite a while. You see sir, I've beeo worried

ahout the inevitable water shortage we are facing.
I know we had a downpour over the weekend. But a little hit

of heavy rain doesn't change the picture. We're talking about anoual water depletion, over several years. Of course many people who had the stadsucs knew what is

bound to happen. Sooner or later, we are just going to run out of water, something many of us canoot imagine. Droughts are a commoo occur-

rence in this region and if oow, in mid-December, there has been no significant rain to speak of, it means that we have probably already lost some 10 to 15 pereent of our anticipated rainfall for the year.

Of course we can still hope for a miracle, that the heavens will open wide and send us the rain we oeed. But barring a miraele. we're io for a crisis.

During our last dry spell in 1991-2 it seemed that wherever you turned all you heard about was the water shortage and how to comhat it. The government, the media, the environmentalists, everyone was involved. We were all part of a oational conservatioo campaign, and, interestingly enough, it worked.

lo the last four months of 1991 water consumption fell drastically, as a result of public awareness - especially in the domestic

sector, hut in other usages as

And then, Mr. Mioister, everyooe seemed to forget all about the matter. We went hack to consuming water with a vengeance. And the level of the Kinneret went up, which made public awareoess go down again.

Sooner or later we are just going to run out of water something many of us can't imagine

While the aquifers were still far from repleoished, we all relaxed and stopped paying atteotioo to the water shortage because, after all, who's ever actually seen an aquifer? Out of sight is out of mind.

Isn't it strange that since the earliest months of 1992 we oever heard anything about saving water - not from the Water Commission, or from responsible ministers?

In fact ooly the environmentalists were saying there was a problem. But they were elearly sowers of panic and doom, and out of touch with the times. Beeause you see, Mr. Minister, wheo the government is silent on

believe all is well. BUT THAT wasn't the case. We were living in a fools' paradise, and it was only a matter of time until we faced a water shortage

But this time we most also face

the fact that since the last shortage - which we managed to scrape through - we have done a number of things to exacerbate

the situation. We have expanded industry (while failing to outlaw the growing of water-wasteful agricultural products that can he cheaply purchased more ahroad). We have absorbed a further half-millioo immigrants and have ceded coosiderable parts of our water resources under peace treaties (Jordan) and arrangements (the Palestinians).

What this means is that anyone who thinks things are going to be easier this time around is mistaken. Time is running out, and if anything is to be accomplished to alleviate the looming crisis we ought to be doing it oow.

One of the first things to do is organize a national water conservation drive, to include everybody from industrialists, agriculturalists, muoicipalities (the worst wasters) down to the ordioary guy watering his gar-

Mr. Minister, surely you and a lot of other responsible public servants ought to have known that a water crisis was inevitable. After all, eovironmentalists, myself amoog them, have been sounding warnings for years. Unfortunately, all that has happened is that we have acquired a reputation for being

Please, Mr. Minister, take us and our warnings seriously. Do an issue the public tends to what urgently oeeds to be done so all of us can start watching how we use our water, and sleep just a little easier at night.

eccentric.

The writer contributes an environment column to The

We're forgetting how to parent

NGUN Schneider, RPT, physical therapist, Waldnrf educator, and remedial consultant, was recently in Israel. Following is a report of a talk she gave on changes in what she calls "childhood culture" and what parents can do to ensure healthy development in their children.

In airports around the world, Schneider said, she sees children carrying the same media-influenced toys: Barbie dnlls for girls and Power Rangers or their equivalents for boys. Children who used to spend much of their time outdoors - running, climbing, jumping, digging - nnw spend more time sitting still in front of screens the television or the computer.

Once, many cultures observed an almost sacred period of 40 days for mother and newborn when both were protected against outside stimulation. Now, more and more mothers are returning to work earlier and earlier. It used to be that people knew bow to parent; now we learn how from books and articles.

The way we receive information about child-rearing has changed. Parents and grandparents often live far away and huge gaps in information and consciousness make us wary of accepting their advice in the first place. Schneider said she is not bemoaning this fact; there are advantages to being more conscious.

We can't change the culture, Schneider said, but there are things we can do to help our children develop in as healthy a way as possible. During the first three years, she said, children are most involved in the exploration of space. As parents, our job is to facilitate that exploration. There is no need, Schneider insisted, on "inhibiting contraptions" like swings and walkers. Her advice: boycott the contraptions. Babies need to crawl. Let the young child explore freely in a safe area. A healthy child will seek out her own movement needs. And let the child develop at her

Parents are often very prond of a ninemonth-old who, with encouragement, has learned to walk, but Schneider says sbe often sees that same child at 10 because he bas learning difficulties.

Early walkers, she said, may miss ont on the integration of the nervous system that takes place when the baby crawls.

From about three to five months, the child's main task is establishing left-right dominance. Will be be right- or left-handed? Schneider pointed out that dominance exists not only in the hands but in the eye and leg, and it should all be on the same side. When dominance is established, spe-

of army service. Papa Gefen has

asked the president for a public

apology for these and other depre-

catory remarks such as his dubbing

of Aviv as "the Michael Jackson of

the poor." Gefen can afford to take liberties with Weizman. They're

almost related. Weizman was the

brother-in-law of Gefen's late uncle

YET ANOTHER case of a prophet

not being heard in his/her own city.

At the Neveh Tzedek champagne-

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more-linear and logical.) If you notice that your child draws with the right band but prefers the left leg, you can play games with him that encourage hopping and kicking with the right leg.

From five to about seven months, children complete their body awareness. A kind of remodeling of the body takes place and you notice them getting longer and leaner and losing that baby look. All this development, said Schneider, is facilitated through movement. So we need to provide an environment in which children can move in a way that is always mnre challenging than last month. This helps in the healthy development of the nervous system and of the senses.

So if your child has mastered catching a ball, try playing a game with him in which he tosses the ball under a lifted leg and catches it. Ordinary bousehold tasks, such as sweeping, hand-washing and wringing clothes, folding laundry, washing dishes and dusting, also provide needed move-

ment opportunities.
Children today sit too much and their senses are overstimulated, Schneider contended. They also tend to start puberty earlier than they used to. A study in Germany showed that girls in public schools menstruated earlier than girls in Waldorf schools, which stress movement, being in nature, and physical work.

Schneider bighly recommended three books by the American psychologist David Elkind: The Hurried Child and Miseducation, about the risks of pushing cognitive learning in pre-school; and All Grown Up and No Place to Go about ado-

Like many experts, Schneider emphasizes the importance of touching our cbildren. We need to nurture their sense of touch, she said.

One way is by playing touching games. She taught a rhyme said while doing the appropriate movements on your child's back: "Criss-cross, apple sauce, spiders crawling up your spine. Cool breeze, tight squeeze, now you got the chillies." (Sweep your hands from right shoulder to left hip, then the opposite; make circles in the middle of the back; crawl your finger tips from bottom to top; blow on the neck; squeeze the shoulders.)

If your child is sensitive to touch (if you have to cut the labels off his clothes, if he refuses to wear zippers, if he gets aggressive when accidentally touched), use a firmer, deeper touch.

Movement educates, said Schneider. Sitting still at a desk is very challenging ciableshion in the right and left hemi- for a first grader. But he will be able to do spheres of the brain can take place. (The so if he was given plents of opportunity right hemisphere is more artistic, the left for movement in the first six years.

The community as doctor

WENDY ELLIMAN

SK the impoverished Mexican community of San Diego. California, what their major health problem is, and they'll tell you without hesitation: Gunshot wounds. Ask the same of the homeless in San Diego's central park, and their answer is: Deep cuts to their hands, inflicted when foraging in trashcans for food. Here in Israel, as everyone knows, a leading and steadily climbing cause of severe injury and death is found on the country's roads, with the tull of traffic accidents rising each year.

When, however, you ask what the health authorities - local clinics, doc-tors, hospitals, the Health Ministry are doing about the carnage on the roads, urban violence, and feeding the homeless, the answer is: Nothing at all.
"And nor should they," says Shimon Camiel, a San Diego-born Doctor of Education and an expert in community-based public bealth. "That's not their job. Their job is the practice of medicine, a practice which makes a clear contribution to the bealth status of a community. But, the point is, nn more than that - just a contribution."

The major causes of many illnesses, he explains, are environmental or behavioral. Environmental causes include poor nutrition, stress, frustration, overcrowding, and toxic surroundings. Behavioral causes are primarily violence.

The starting point of my branch of public health - community-based pubhic health - is the environmental and behavioral problems that affect health," he says. "If you take this approach to its logical conclusion, the community itself becomes the panent, and the aim is to get the community to plan its own preventive health care. That is, people are encouraged to solve their own health problems by taking

Israel's first practical experiment in community-based preventive bealth is now underway in Kibbutz Neot Mordechai in the Hula Valley, a 400member community where Camiel and his family lived for 20 years. Although they left Israel for San Diego in 1979, Camiel still spends two months of every year on the kibbutz.

"My visit last year cnincided with a terrible traffic accident, in which a young kibbutz father of several children was killed," says Camiel. "The whole community was plunged into mourning. As we stood at the graveside, people were saying: 'Death on the roads has to stop!' They knew the kind of health work I do, and asked me help."
The kibbutz already had a health

committee, but what the community was now looking to do was to develop an entirely new bealth approach. That new approach begins, says Camiel,

with a new perspective.

As I said before, the idea is to get people to take charge of their own health affairs," he says. "The existing system makes the patient unbelievably passive. He goes to the doctor when he's sick and unquestioningly does what he's told. In community-based public health, people start by developing a sense of community that makes them feel powerful enough to take

San Diego's homeless, far example, after being encouraged to identify their deep cuts as a major health pmblem in the community, decided on their own solution: Obtaining thick work-gloves to protect their hands. Following its road tragedy, Neot Mordechai decided to try and control traffic in and out of the kibbutz. They've started by tracking the speed of cars entering and leaving the settlement. Guided by a Jerusalem engineer, the kibbutz entrance is now staked out, stopwatches primed.

"We can't yet know if this survey can later be developed into something that will work, but that doesn't worry me," says Camiel. "What's important is that the community bas identified a

solution into their own hands they have become responsible for their nwn environment. If what they're doing now doesn't work, they'll look for something else that does.

Camiel sees this project at Neot Mordechai as a pmtotype for all the country's rural communities - rural, for the moment, not only because this is where a beginning has been made, but also because results can be seen quickly in these communities. Alongside the traffic survey, the kibbutz has already undertaken a second disease-prevention initiative, nudged along by Camiel.

"We went into the community's cemetery," be says. "Our purpose was to study causes of early death - that is. what had killed all those who died before age 65. There were 52 such deaths. [The kibbutz was founded in 1948, and its first grave dates from 1954.] People had died ynung for predictable reasons: A quarter bad been felled by heart disease and another quarter by cancer. Many of the other deaths resulted from traffic accidents and army service."

While the community's losses to cancer have been serious, with many of its victims dying very young, the cemetery findings essentially produced no surprises. "The point of the exercise," says Camiel, "was to launch major health hazard, and by taking its a system in which any community can

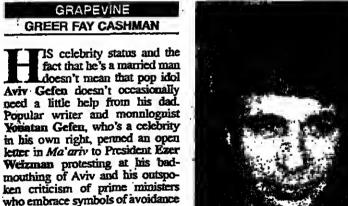
gather statistics and figure out wby its members get sick and die before their

"The next stage is to think about how their community defines its loss - in grief, in shock, and in economic terms. One possible measure is the number of years of healthy life that have been lost to the group. What Neot Mordechai decides to do with these cemetery figures is up to them. They will take

While Israel is a leader in community-oriented primary care (Little Hadassah in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel neighborhood is a major success story with a world reputation -. but it is administered by experts, rather than by the community), communitybased public health is new to the coun-

"In the Third World, it's the WHO's dominant model," says Camiel "Take a country like Nigeria, where the health hudget is \$20 per person per year, and there's little alternative. In Israel, with its far larger health budget and its enormous number of doctors relative to the population, we do have alternatives. But this doesn't mean they're necessarily better. I think it's very important that we regularly critique the existing medical model, and consider whether it's time for a shift of emphasis. This can often be a bealthy approach."

Aviv gets a little help from Papa Yonatan







Yonatan Gefen (left) came to the aid of his son in an open letter to the president.

IEI official had chastised Ben-Ari for her lack of vision and asked why she couldn't be abreast of Parisian trends. Whereupon Bram interceded to suggest that their interlocutor take a closer look at the signature on the posters, which was niat of Riki Ben-Ari.

and-latkes opening of a retrospective exhibition of her fashion CELEBRITIES ABROAD often sketches, designer and illustrator Riki Ben-Ari recalled that many have their status deflated at home. years ago, when serving as fashion Only a few months ago Itamar Rabinevich was Israel's much-feted and heavily guarded ambas-sador to Washington. Now that he's consultant to the Israel Export Institute, she had once been criticized in the presence of her friend and fellow fashion designer back in the world of academia, the biodygnards are gone, and few peo-ple jump up and down when he enters a room. Take for instance last Friday. Rabinovich was among Gershon Bram. Pointing in the wall adorned by Parisian posters featuring group illustrations of fashion forecasts for the year ahead, the

those who braved the early morning rain to keep an appointment at the Marilyn Monroe coffee shop in Ramat Aviv. Hardly anyone noticed he was there, but then again, in that part of the woods, they're rather blase about celebrities. The Marilyn Monroe coffee shop is almost exactly on the half-way mark between the homes of Leah Rabin and Shimon Peres and there are famous people living in nearly all of the surrounding apartment blocks.

THAT OLD-TIME religion is getting to so many entertainers, that they may just have to change the Friday night programs on televi-sion for lack of big-name stars. Among those joining the ranks of

Yatzpan, who at a gala Or Haim Yeshiva fund-raiser at the Jerusalem Renaissance Hotel contributed NIS 5,000 out of his own pocket after being blessed by nonagenarian celebrity sage, kabbalist and miracle worker Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri. Yatzpan also announced that he will soon stop his Friday night appearances and reiterated the statement on Sunday night on the premiere of Rafi Reshef's new talk show. The chair and pillows on which Kaduri was reclining at the Or Haim function fetched \$6,000

AFTER 15 YEARS of hell, actorproducer Paul Michael Glaser, best known for his mle in the TV

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The dictionary so up-to-date it's called

the penitents is comedian Eli detective series Starsky and Hutch, has found happiness again by marrying Tracey Brown, who is 20 years his junior. Glaser's first wife Elizabeth Mayer, who contracted AIDS through blood transfusions given to her in her last month of pregnancy and unwittingly transmitted it to her two children, died twn years ago after waging a valiant battle with the disease and becoming an extraordinarily successful fund-raiser for AIDS research. One of the children also

> TOO TIRED to see straight. While actor Tom Hanks was directing his first movie, That Thing You Do, he came onto the set one day in a total state of exhaustinn.

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nnticed a very attractive young woman and made a play for her. Hanks received very positive vibes from the lady in question which was hardly surprising, since the make-np.

Notwithstanding his fatigue, he she happened to be Rita Wilson, whn in addition to playing a waitress in the film, also happens to be his wife. He was just so out of it, that he didn't recognize her under

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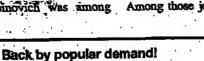
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Soros fund buys into El-Roy: Quantum Emerging Growth Partners C.V., a Sl.5 billion fund managed by American investment

The Quantum fund is mainly engaged in investments in companies situated in growth markets outside of the US. The fund purchased 75,816 El-Roy shares for NiS 15,057 per share, turning

it into a party of interest in the real estate and investment company.

Karmiel may become large city: The Construction and Housing

Ministry has announced it is preparing a proposal to turn Karmiel into a city of 100,000 people by 2020. The ministry intends to sell land for the construction 1,300 apartments in the city oext year. Today, the city has a population of some 22,000.

David Harris

Panel to discuss regional business: The economic aspect of the Middle East peace process will be discussed by a panel of senior

Economic Development, are the ambassadors of the US, Egypt and

diplomats and businesspeople in Herzliya tonight. Among the speakers at the event, hosted by the Center for Jewish-Arab

Jordan, and PA Economy and Industry Minister Maher Masri.

Munich Re buys stake in Alte Leipziger unit: The world's leading reinsurance group Muenchener Rueckversicberungs AG said yesterday that it had bought a stake of nearly 20 percent in fellow German insurer Alte Leipziger's international bolding

company. A Munich Re spokesman said in response to a Reuter inquiry: We will take a minority stake in the Alte Leipziger

could not give a price for the stake. He said the move was

Europa Beteiligungs AG which will be nearly 20 percent." But he

prompted by the two groups' strong relations in recent years. The

Alte Leipziger Europa Beteiligungs AG holds stakes in insurance

groups in seven east European nations, the spokesman said. Remer

Bulgaria offers two pharmacentical plants for sale: Bulgaria's cabinet approved the privatization of two major pharmaceutical plants, the Dupnitsa-based Pharmatsia and Troyapharm in Troyan

in a bid boost budget revenue, a government spokeswoman said

yesterday. "The cabinet agreed to privatize 55 percent of Pharamatsia and Troyapharm," the spokeswoman told journalists.

She gave no further details. The government retains a 25% stake in

Belarus in oil crisis, currency rules blamed: Belarus, a former

Sandoz, Ciba-Geigy

each of the firms. The company employs 2,500 people.

El-Rov is a public company controlled by businessman Alfred

magnate George Soros, has purchased 5.44 percent of El-Roy

(Israel) shares for NIS 10 million.



A Serbian student gestures during a protest march outside the parliament building in Belgrade yesterday. The government, facing a tidal wave of street protests, said it was dropping debate of highly unpopular labor laws which economists say could have left 800,000 people unemployed.

UBS upgrades Bank Leumi to 'buy'

of the world's most prominent financial institutions, has upgraded its evaluation of Bank Leumi's stock to a "buy" recommendation from its previous "hold" rating.

The Zurich-based bank's analysis of Leumi is based on its third quarter financial statement, which show a steady growth in profits and improvement of return on equity. The bank's expected return on equity will reach 10 percent compared with 6% in the past. UBS said.

"Profitability and the return on equity should increase strongly from the relatively low level of 1995. Just to return to the sector norm of 10% leaves the rating of



UNION Bank of Switzerland, one the shares unduly cheap," UBS

Bank Leumi is one of the two dominant banks in the local market, with a market share of about

'UBS attributed the improved rating to the positive change seen in Bank Lemm's attempts to reduce its cost base, mainly by reducing its staff by 3%.

"Management has done an outstanding job keeping costs lean. next year." UBS said.

UBS also praised Bank Leurni's reversal of losses in foreign operatioos, mainly its New York branch.

Commenting on Leumi's sale of its non-bank holdings, UBS said shareholders are expected to receive a special dividend relating to the gain from the bank's sale of Africa Israel and Migdal Insurance. The sale should reap around NIS 700 million in cash and NIS 400m. in capital gains. Management has conducted an

intelligent sale of much of its stake in Africa Israel, bringing a sizable capital gain and injection of liquidity." UBS said. Assuming that the Tel Aviv

Stock Exchange regains its upward trend, UBS estimates Bank Leumi "stands to register significant profit growth." During the last two years the TASE has suffered from a slowdown.

Netanyahu: Privatization plan complete

PM approves new aid package for development zones

THE list of companies to be priva-tized over the next four years was approved vesterday by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. but it may not be made public until next year. Netanyahu made the comment during a news conference on the reform of funding to Israel's development zones.

"We may still make the [privatization] announcement this year, it depends on the budget timetable. Netanyahu told The Jerusalem

Since Netanyahu took over responsibility for privatization from the Treasury, his office has promised to publish the list on several occasions, but so far has failed to keep to its self-imposed

In addition to examining which companies will be hived off, office deputy director-general Moshe Leon and Government Companies Authority director-general Tzipi Livni have also been investigating the possible methods of sale. Those being considered are the sale of controlling shares, public flotations in Tel Aviv and abroad, and the options program, deputyspokesman Ofir Akoonis conirmed earlier this month.

While the privatization list is yet to be published, Netanyahu vesterday announced that development zones throughout the country will receive up to NIS 500 million annually, over the next five years, as a top-up to the reduced capital-

Netanyahu joined Finance to accomplish.

THE establishment of an outside

governing council whose

approval would be needed for

decisions on monetary policy

would be "a terrible mistake."

Rabbi Shlomo Lorenz, chairman

of the Bank of Israel's advisory

council, told the Knesset Finance

Committee's banking subcommit-

Lorenz, who is also a former Knesset Finance Committee

chairman, was addressing the

committee's subcommittee on

banking, which was reviewing a

number of submitted bills, which

would establish such an external

council or otherwise limit the

powers of central bank governor

Jacob Frenkel to set interest

None of the proposed bills has

passed a preliminary reading in

According to a press release dis-tributed by the committee, Lorenz

the Knesset so far.

tee yesterday.

DAVID HARRIS

Minister Dan Meridor and Iodustry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky yesterday in lending his support for the package of proposals recommended by the Gabai committee, set up following the government decision to reduce capital-investment aid in Zone A from 54 to 20 percent and in Zone B from 20 to 10 percent. The committee was asked to decide how to spend the NIS 500m. saved as a result of the cuts.

If the Knesset approves the proposals. four main areas will benefit from the change: Approved companies will receive two years' tax exemptions, NIS 100m. will be spent on developing workforce skills, individual problems in specific geographical areas will also receive NIS 100m., and extra funds will be allocated to the marketing abroad of Israel's develop-

The measures will do three main things, said Sharansky: Encourage competitive industry, improve the quality of the workforce, and deal with the real problem areas, "There is no doubt in my mind," said Sharansky "this is a far more relevant package than anything implemented in Israel to date."

There is simply no connection between the encouragement of investors and spreading Israel's population to the peripheries." added Meridor. "That is exactly what the old measures were trying

said that contrary to reports that

Frenkel ignores the advisory

council's advice, he has always

found that Frenkel takes the coun-

cil very seriously. However, he said, the final decision on interest

rates rightly belongs to Frenkel.

since he is the one most on top of

chairman [if the council had

responsibility for these decisions].

since this would require me to be

in the bank five days a week," he

Subcommittee chairman Avi

Yehezkel (Labor) said Lorenz did

not convince him that Frenkel

really takes the council seriously.

since he knows of council mem-

rates have been ignored by the

after his own heart, which suits his solo personality," he said.

The governor has a council

However, he said. he would

hold off on three bills of his own

to reduce Frenkel's independence

until after publication of the

Zussman recommendations on

changes in the Bank of Israel

government.

bers whose calls for lower interest

said, according to the release.

I wouldn't stay on as council

day-to-day economic issues.

Lorenz to MKs:

Don't shackle

Frenkel

EVELYN GORDON

The existing system is wasting valuable resources, said Meridor. Factories that benefined from the aid are closing, and those still working are receiving very low wages. The new spread of money will allow a global effort at tack-

ling the areas problems.
While all three ministers talked of an annual NIS 500m. in a fiveyear program which will commence next month, none of them were prepared to state when the annual total will actually reach that sum, In 1997, a far smaller amount will be available, perhaps NIS 100m., and the figure will rise each year, according to Meridor.
"I can't say when it will reach NIS 500m., but certainly within the first two, three, or four years," he

Both Meridor and Sharansky guaranteed none of the money will be retained by the government, and they will bring the total up to NIS 500m. as soon as possible. In order to do so, they concluded, the Knesset must help by accepting the new proposals in the coming

days.
While the government last week designated the territories as high priority development areas, Netanyahu said it is too early to tell whether the NIS 500m. package will be available across the green line. This will only become clear once the newly created ministerial committee on the issue makes its recommendations early

Belgians

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Taking a career break has become a general right for all Belgians, the Belgian

The right to a subbatical is part of a series of measures to fight unem-ployment, announced by the gov-ernment yesterday. They also include part-time early retirement at the age of 58 and tax benefits for companies that expand their work

UN sets up trade center in Morocco

Soviet republic largely dependent on Russia for its oil supplies, is in deep crisis as its two oil refineries run out of oil mainly due to a

The government said in a statement that from January 1, 1997, Belgian employees can take nonpaid leave for a total of three years during their entire career and this in periods lasting between three months and one year. Per calendar year, at least one percent of employees per company can get a sabban-

For smaller companies with less than 100 employees, unions and employers organizations have until May 31 to work out an arrangement.

CASABLANCA (Reuter) - The UN set up a S1 million information center to smooth trade with foreign firms, the Moroccan trade ministry said vesterday.

currency crunch, industry sources said yesterday. "The two plants are refining 17,000 tons of oil a day compared with 35,000-40,000 tons between January and October this year," Vladimir Livensky, a vice president of the state oil concern Belnefneprodukt, said. "Reserves will run out in four or five days." Energy experts get right to blamed the crisis on a host of reasons, including difficulties in converting the country's currency into dollars. sabbatical

mega-merger gets US gov't approval WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The US Federal Trade Commission yesterday agreed to the multibillion dollar merger of Swiss drug giants Ciba-Geigy and

Sandoz to become Novartis, if they meet certain conditions. The FTC said io a statement that the two companies must license or divest several product areas - gene therapy, corn herbicides and flea-control markets.

The merger would create the world's second-largest pharmaceutical company after Britain's Glaxo-Wellcome. Combined capital of the two

would be nearly \$57 billion, with annual sales of nearly S20b. in the core pharmaceutical, agricultural and nutrition businesses based on 1995 fig-Analysts said Novartis would

have a leading position in generic drugs, a broad range of healthcare products and clear dominance in crop protection products.

The FTC voted 5-0 to announce the proposed consent agreement, now open for 60 of public comment.

Typically, final approval occurs within two weeks after the close of public comment.

The FTC said Sandoz has agreed to license some gene therapy technology and patent rights to Rhone-Poulenc Rorer so that it can compete against the new combined firm. Sandoz agreed to sell its US and Canadian corn herbicide business to BASF for about \$780 million, which the FTC called one of the largest divestitutes it has ever required. The Sandoz flea control busi-

ness would be sold to Central Garden & Pet Co. of Lafayette. California, or another FTCapproved buyer. The new producer of pet products would be permitted to produce its own methoprene, the active ingredient in the flea products. Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz said

in a joint statement after the FTC announcement that "The required divestments and conditions will leave the innovative potential of Novartis mtact." Shares in Novartis were to start trading oo the Swiss Exchange on December 23.

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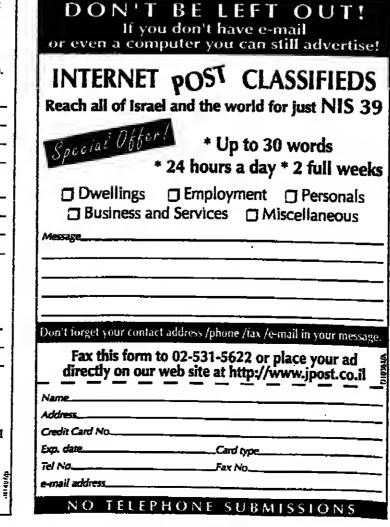
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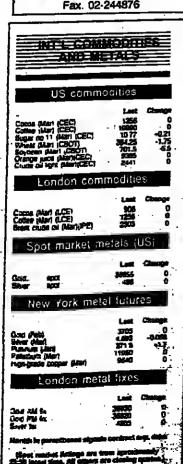
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Shares drop on Wall Street decline

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Two-Sided Index

SHARES closed lower yesterday in dull trading amid the decline of stock prices on Wall Street and political uncertainty, dealers said. The benehmark Mishtanim index fell 1.34%, or 2.75 points, to 203.04 oo all-share turnover of NIS 69 million against NIS 78m

nn Monday. The Maof index declined 1.12% to 211.38. "The decline of Wall Street stocks had a negative impact on trading," said Danni Scharia of Captial Securities. Investors are also nervous because the political situation is very wor-

rying.
"The market declined fullnwing stocks on the slide of technology stocks on Nasdaq" The political uncertainty was also affecting trading yester-day, according to Amitay Tafla at

Sigma Securities.
The Cabinet decided on Friday to reinstate investment benefits to settlements in the West Bank after an attack in which a settler and her son were killed.

Scharia said the fact that the market was declining on low volume is a positive sign. "The posi-tive trend is not over yet and today's fall was very moderate. In the near future the market will recover," he said.

Shekem plunged the maximum 10% to 92.5%. Traders noted that the share fell on a very low vol-ume of NIS 141.525. Elco Holdings, Shekem's parent company, fell 4.25% to 8,225 on vol-

ume of NIS 395,800. Shekem is io negotiations to sell most of its food-retail business to one of the competing supermarket chains and it share price rose sharply on Sunday on the news.
El-Rov gained 1.0% to 1,498
after it said yesterday that
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US investor George Soros,
increased its holdings in the company to 5,44%.
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The most active share was Elron, which rose 2.25% to 12,687 on volume of NIS 3.8m. Salamon Brothers said on Monday that it was retaining its strong huy recommendation for the company, saying that Elron was trading at a 32% discount to a net asset value based on its analysis of future

earnings in group companies. Other active shares included Bank Hapoalim, which fell 2.0% to 493 nn turnover of NIS 3.5m, and Teva, which lost 1.5% to 149,167 on volume of NIS 3m.

Eurobourses dip on Wall Street worries

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Shares finished moderately lower yesterday as investors remained nervous about a possible Wall Street slide after its recent weakness. Although the Dow has dropped 5 perceot since hitting an all-time peak last month, many market participants believe US blue chips are due for a more substantial correction. The FTSE 100 index ended 14.2 points down at 3.979.6.

FRANKFURT - Shares the previous day, with dealers say- closed down 28.87 points.

ing the overnight retreat of the dollar and weakness on Wall Street were dampening sectiment. The DAX-30 index of 30 top German shares closed 40.66 points lower at 2.815.13. The IBIS DAX, measuring all-day electronic dealings in the DAX, later ended at 2,808.50 points.

PARIS - Shares closed 1.3% lower on the weakness in Wall Street and higher than expected US November housing starts, and despite a slight cut FRANKFURT - Shares in interest rates by the Bank of reversed most of the gains made France. The blue-chip CAC-40 index

Dow closes higher WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue ehip stocks rose yesterday but failed to bring the broader market with them, as investors got confirmation that the Federal Reserve would not raise its short-term interest rates targets.

At the 4 p.m. elose on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 39.98 to 6,308.33. The blue-chip index fell as much as 35 points at the open but elimbed back into positive territory by late morning.

BAR-ILLAN

(Continued from Page 1) Netanyahu oot to expand settlements.

Bar-Illan denied that Netanyahu felt beleaguered as a result of the growing international criticism. At the same time, he did not think it was possible to convince the US to accept Israel's views nn settle-ments. "I doubt if the two positions will ever be completely reconciled. They would like us to dismantle some settlements."

When asked at a press conference whether he would agree to the characterization of settlements as an obstacle to peace, Clinton responded "absolutely." Until now, the Clinton administration had used more restrained phrases such as "troubling" or "complicating the peace process."

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mnrdechai yesterday visited settlers in the Gaza Strip. "Settlement in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip is appropriate. The policy of this government is to strengthen the settlements in places where they exist. There are natural needs and necessary growth. This policy is clear and has been clarified with all national and international elements," Mordechai told reporters.

The settlement council sent a letter protesting Clinton's remarks on the settlements to US ambassador Martin Indyk yesterday, saying that rather than hindering the peace, the settlements facili-

tate it. "Jewish settlements are bridges to peace," wrote Yechiel Leiter. executive director of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea. Samaria and Gaza's foreign desk. "If indeed the Palestinian Arabs have changed their long standing strategic aim of destroying Israel...it is because of the persis-

tent growth of Jewish settlement. Only those communities could force the realization that the Arabs had more to lose by not

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Arieh O'Sullivan and Herb Keinon contributed to this report.

Mac. Tel Aviv, Mac. Haifa reach Toto Cup semifinals

MACCABI Tel Aviv and on February 11. Maccabi Haifa both advanced to the semifinals of the Toto Cup after finishing top of their respective groups with wins yes-

In matches held over from the weekend because their players were on international duty. Maccabi Tel Aviv bear Ironi Rishon Lezion 3-1 and Maccabi Haifa came back from a 3-1 deficit in Beit She'an to beat the hosts 4-3.

Beit She an were by far the betier side in the first half, although Haifa opened the scoring in the cichth minute with an Amir Turjeman goal.

Beir She an then came into their own and scored through Oleg Kochluk (19th minute) and headers by Nimrod Elbaz (24) and Drazan Dankovic (38).

In the second half, Beir She'an retreated, hoping their lead would be enough to see them through to the final whistle, but errors by their goalkeeper. Meir Cohen, saw the Haifaires back into the match. Turjeman headed in after Cohen failed to clear the ball from a move resulting from a free kick in the 58th minute.

Cohen then let in a tame free kick by Haim Silvas in the 61st minute and Hezi Shirazi scored the winner in the 78th minute to see Haifa into the semifinals where they will face Hapoel Haifa

Maccabi Tel Aviv had a much easier time in their last match in group A where they beat Ironi Rishon to move ahead of Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Amit Levy set Maccabi on their way with an 11th minute goal and Yevgeny Kashnetsev added two more in the second half (54 and 62). Belarussian Vladimir Klimovich scored a late consolation goal for Rishon.

The final Toto Cup group C match between Beiar Jerusalem and Bnei Yehuda will be played in the capital this afternoon with the hosts requiring a win to capture the last semi-final berth against Maccabi Tel Aviv.

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Wembley picked as England's stadium

LONDON (AP) - Wembley was selected yesterday as the site for England's new national stadium, beating out Manchester in a race to build a 21st century venue that will be the eenterpiece of bids for the Olympics and World Cup.

The Sports Council awarded Wembley a £120 million grant to help rebuild the storied stadium, which will involve razing the old stadium and leaving only its famous Twin Towers.

The total cost of the new 80,000-seat stadium is estimated at about £230m with work scheduled to begin in 1998.

Wembley, opened in 1923, hosted the 1948 Olympics and the 1966 World Cup.

The new stadium will be the country's top venue for soccer, track and

field and rugby and will play a central role in planned British bids for the 2001 World Track Championships, the 2006 World Cup and the 2008

Everton downs Derby

LONDON (Reuter) - England for- through the second half. ward Nick Barmby headed a late goal to give Everton a 1-0 English Premier League win at Derby on Monday night.

Barmby reacted quickly to score from point blank range in the 86th minute after midfielder Joe Parkinson's 25-meter effort had rebounded off the crossbar. . Everton's victory lifted the learn

into seventh place, eight points behind leaders Arsenal. Derby was left to rue its missed chances, most notably a header by torward Ashley Ward which flashed just over the bar midway

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broke a three-game losing streak. For the fifth consecutive game. Miami's offense scored just one touchdown, but that was enough because of a stout defensive effort. Buffalo had the ball for only 18

during the fourth quarter of Monday right's game in Miami.

GO, MAN, GO! - Miami QB Dan Marino (13) hands off to running back Karim Abdul-Jabhar

Slumping Bills lose to Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) - The Buffalo Bills' slump is so severe that they can't even beat the Miami Dolphins.

Needing a win to clinch an NFL playoff berth, the Bills instead lost their third game in a row Monday night. Dan Marino threw for 263 yards and the Dolphins won 16-14 for their first late-season victory against Buffalo since 1986.

The Bills (9-6) had beaten Miami 17-81 11 consecutive times in November, December and January over the past decade.

With Buffalo's defeat. New England (10-5) clinched the American Football Conference

Buffalo fell into a tie with Kansas City and Indianapolis for the best record in the wild-card . The Bills can still earn a wild-card berth if they win their final regular-season game Sunday at home against the Chiefs, or if Jacksonville (8-7) loses or ties its final game against Atlanta.

If the second-year Jaguars beat Atlanta, they'll clinch a playoff berth - unless the Buffalo-Kansas City game ends in a de.

The Dolphins, who were climinated from playoff contention Sunday. earned a consolation victory and minutes, scoring on Jim Kelly's TD passes of 67 yards to Andre Reed and 16 yards to Eric Moulds. After Moulds scored with 4:09

left. Miami caught a break when the officials ruled the ball was dead on an apparent fumble by O.J. McDuffie at the Dolphins' 25.

Marino went 26-for-37. His 5yard touchdown pass to MeDuffie made it 16-7 with 11 minutes left. Joe Nedney kicked three field goals for the Dolphins, including an 18-yarder to give them a 9-7 lead midway through the third

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Bucks rip Celtics

BOSTON (AP) - Vin Baker had dropped its third straight.
28 points and 11 rebounds on Bullets 97, Kings 89 Monday night as the Milwaukee Bucks gave coach Chris Ford a victory in his FleetCenter debut, beaung Boston 107-91.

Andrew Lang had 12 points and 13 rebounds and Glenn Robinson had 19 points and nine boards for the Bucks, who have won three straight and five of six. Dana Barros

led Boston with just 16 points. Ford played for the Celtics from 1978-82 and coached them from 1990-95, when he was fired by eurrent coach and director of player personnel M.L. Carr. Ford caught on with the Bucks this year, taking on a promising roster

Pistons 98, Raptors 92 Grant Hill scored 27 points and visiting Detroit closed the game with a 10-0 run.

that has a chance at the playoffs.

Hill added 12 rebounds and scored four points during the decisive run as the Pistons overcame a four-point Hill's tayin tied it at 92-alt, and Lindsey Hunter made two free throws

before Otis Thorpe tipped in a Hill miss, giving the Pistons a 96-92 lead. Hill's 13-foot jumper with 9.9 seconds left capped the closing spurt.

Joe Dumars had 21 points and Thomas finished with 14 points and 11 Thorpe finished with 14 points and 11

rebounds for the Pistons.

Doug Christie scored 20 points and
Wall Williams 15 for Toronto, which

Chris Webber had 24 points and Juwan Howard added 21 as visiting Washington handled undermanned

Sacramento. Webber added 14 rebounds for the Bullets, who won their fourth straight game: Washington's defense limited Sacramento to just 15 points in the

third quarter. Mitch Richmond led the Kings with 28 points and Olden Polynice contributed 18 points and 10 rebounds. Michael Smith added 15 rebounds for

The Kings played only seven players because of injuries and coach Garry St. Jean's decision not to use Duane Causwell and rookie Kevin Salvadori.

Clippers 122, Suns 121, OT Breol Barry's 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left in regulation ped it and Terry Dehere scored five points in the final 46.2 seconds of overtime to provide the victory for host Los Angeles. Malik Sealy scored 28 points and Loy Vaught had 16 points and tied a career-high with 21 rebounds as the

Clippers won their third straight game

after losing 10 of 1t.

Damy Manning scored 12 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and Michael Finley had all 17 of his points in the first quarter for the Suns.

MONDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Milwankee 107, Boston 91 Detroit 98, Toronto 92 L.A. Clippers 122, Phoenix 121, OT Washington 97, Sacramento 89

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Denver	5	19	208	161/2	0-10	Lost 10	2-8	3-11	3-10
San Antonio	4	17	.190	16	2-8	Won 1	3-8	1-9	2-19
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Sacramento	8	16	.333	91/2	3-7	Lost 2	9-1	4-9	5-0

Rangers harpoon Whalers at the Garden

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Rangers scored three times in the first period and Mike Richter made 39 saves in a 5-2 victory over the Hartford Whalers

on Monday. Bill Berg scored on the game's first shot. Luc Robitaille on a power play and Adam Graves shorthanded as the Rangers handed Riehter a 3-0 lead after one

period. That's all the offensive support Richter needed as he extended his unbeasen streak to eight games (7-0-1) and extended the Rangers' best stretch of the season to 8-1-1 in their last 10. The Rangers went over the .500 mark for the first

Dime at 15-14-5. Richter, 13-9-2 overall, really proved his worth in the game when he turned back Hartford without a goal in the second period as the Whalers outshot the Rangers 15-7. The Rangers got a goal by Doug Lidster to take a 4-0

lead into the third period. Wayne Gretzky had the other goal for the Rangers, who have outscored opponents 41-20 in their last 10 games and lead the National Hockey League in scoring with 117 goals. Jeff O'Neill and Geoff Sanderson scored for the Whalers,

4-4-3 in their fast 11 overall, Lightning 4 Canadiens 2 Mikael Andersson's short-handed,

tiebreaking goal with two minutes left allowed visiting Tampa Bay to increase its unbeaten streak to five games. Andersson beat Jocelyn " with a slapshot from the left faceoff circle, giving Tampa Bay its third con-secutive win and fourth in five games.

Chris Gratton scored twice, including his 12th on an empty-netter with 19 seconds to play, and John Cullen also scored for Tampa Bay.

Devils 5, Flames 0 Brian Rolston scored two goals -3:38 apart in the second period - and

visiting New Jersey's rookie goal-tender Mike Dunham recorded his first NHL shutour.

Dunham made 28 saves as the
Devils remained unbeaten (3-0-1) in their last four games, and improved to 5-1-1 in their last seven. Rolston opened the scoring 1:22 into the second period, when on the power play, he broke in from center ice and beat rookie goalie Dwayne

His even-strength goal 3:38 later, his 11th of the season, gave the Devils a 2-0 lead. Bobby Holik, John MacLean and Randy McKay added third-period reals for third-period goals for New Jersey.

MONDAY'S NHL RESULTS: Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 2 N.Y. Rangers 5, Hartford 2 New Jersey 5, Calgary 0

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N.Y. Rangers	15	14	5	35	117	95	970	8-6-0	
Washington	13	18	5 2 8	35 28	82	86	8-7-2 6-7-1		
N.Y. Islanders	10	12	8	28	81	85 81	7-6-2	7-9-1	
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Los Angeles	12	15	4	28		101	7-8-1	7-10-2	5
Calgary	12	17	4	28	84	99	6-7-2	6-8-2	3
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TENNIS BRIEFS

New tourney planned for top-ranked women with ambitions to take over the women's Masters from New York,

promoters in Frankfurt are planning a new eight-player tennis tournament, starting in December 1997, organizers said yesterday.

The so-called "Masters of Champions" will be held December 3-7. 1997, and will offer prize money of \$1.8 million, promoter Ralf

Agassi to play in Davis Cup in February Andre Agassi, looking to jump-start his tennis game after a disappointing year, said on Monday he will play in the first-round of the Davis Cup set for Brazil in February. "Starting the year that way will be perfect and a great step in the right direction to step up my intensity level," said Agassi, a member of the championship 1990 and '92 Davis Cup squads.

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17 Hampton's weird ghost (7)

18 Top commander to drink

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19 Labourer gives vegetables to social worker (7)

20 Bore is shockingly rude in

24 Begin working paving-stone round (3,2)

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22 Quiet, even now (5)

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21 Hanging in French town

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E CHILDREN (6)

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E DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University - Sex and Emotions: Second Careers; Mass Media 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 13:00 Searching for Lost Worlds - Machu Picchu (rpt) 14:00 Open University (rpt) 18:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Searching for Lost Worlds (rpt) 18:00
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World: Zimbabwe – The Rhinoceros –
efforts to protect the black rhinoceros Madagascar 22:00 Visionaries: Small Solutions to Giant Problems, part 2 - All Kinds of Democracy - the link betw politics and world starvation 23:00 Endangered World: Zimbabwe (rpt) 00:00 Open University

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8:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 College Basketball 19:00 Basketball - Israel vs. Georgia 18:30 Champions' League 21:15 English Coca-Cola Cup - Southempton vs. Oxford 23:30

EUROSPORT

9:30 Triathlon: Thai Grand Prix (rpt) 10:30 Alpine Skiing 11:30 Speedword 13:30 Motorcycle racing: Portrait 14:00 Motor Racing: Champions' Race 15:00 Recreational Sports 16:00 Equestrian Races 17:00 Ballroom Dancing, German Open 18:00 Ski Jumping: World Cup, Czech Republic (rpt) 19:00 Cross Country Skling: World Cup, Germany 20:00 Motorsports Magazine 21:00 Figure Skating: Russian Trophy 23:00 Soccer: World Cup qualifying matches 1:00 Equestrian: World Cup, Switzerland 2:00 Parachuting

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IN VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Brahms: Sonata in F minor for clarinet and piano op 120/1; 8eethoven: Sonata no 7 in C minor for violin and piano op 80; Mozart: Piano concerto no 15; Walton: Symphony no ; Tchaikovsky: Piano trio in A minor op 50 (Zukerman, Du Pre, Barenboim) 12:00 Light Classical - Mendelssohn: Fingar's Cave overture; Beethoven: Romance no 1 in G for violin op 40 (Zukerman); Haydn: Cello concerto in D (Yo-Yo Ma); Tchelkovsky: "1812" Overture (IPO/Mehta) 13:00 Vtolinist Oscar Shumsky - Mozart: Duo no 2 in B flat for violin and viola K424, Sonata in D for piano and violin K308; Kreisler: short works for violin and plano 14:06 Encore 15:00 Keys 16:00 Handel: Trio Sonata in G minor for 2 flutes and continuo; Bach: Goldberg Variations arr for strings; Viotti; Violin concerto no 22; Beethoven; Wellington's Victory symphony 18:00 Clara Schumann: 3 Romances for violin and plano op 22 (Gil Sharon, Idit Zvi); Schubert: Fantasy In F minor D940 (Eden, Tamir); Brahms: 4 Songs op 92 (Monteverdi Choir); Hindemith: Dance of the Wooden Doll for piano; Falla: Nights In the Gardens of Spein (Argerich/Peris/Barenboim); Debussy; Images (SI Cecilia/Bernstein) 20:05 Before the Concert 20:30 Live broadcast from Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv. Israel Philhermonic Orchestra's 50th birthday, cond. Zubin Mehta, soloists Itzhak Periman, Pinchas Zukerman (violins), Mischa Maisky (cello); Yeffin Bronfinan (piano). Schubert: Symphony no 8 "Unfloished"; Vivaldi: Concerto in A Inflor for 2 violins and orch; Bloch: Schelomo Hebrew Rhapsody; Liszt: Piano concerto no 2 23:00 Golden Generation - songs of Hugo Wolf with singers Elena Gerhardt, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Helnrich Schlusnus, Lotte Lehmann, Herbert

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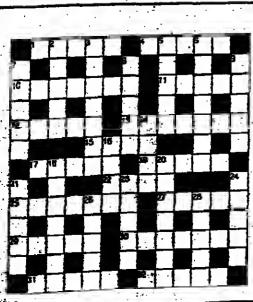
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Reform Movement: Religious sector gets NIS 5b. from gov't

TAXPAYERS are paying over NIS 5 billion in "hush money" to the reli-

gious sector, three and a half times the amount spent on social welfare, according to a report compiled by the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action

The figures - compiled from allocations and estimates derived from the proposed 1997 budget, before the NIS 1.2b. budget cut, as well as religious council and local council paymeots - were assembled after the Knesset Finance Committee sent the Religious Affairs Ministry's budget back to the Finance Ministry with the demand that not only should the Religious Affairs Ministry's budget not be cut, but that it should be augmented by

The report indicates that from the 1991 to the 1997 budget, there was an increase in real terms of payments to this sector of the popula-

The major sums for 1997 are NIS 1,349m. for the Religious Affairs Ministry and NIS 3,190m. from the Education Ministry, with another NIS 220m. in the Interior Ministry budget.

According to the report, which characterizes funds allocated to the religious sector as hush money to keep the religious parties quiet, there are presently 170,000 students in institutions subsidized by the Religious Affairs Ministry. compared to about 100,000 university students.

Meretz: change law to recognize non-Orthodox conversions

MERETZ MKs have submitted an amendment to the Conversion Law which would recognize conversions carried out in Israel by Reform and Conservative rabbis

and not just by Orthodox ones. The bill follows a decision by the ministerial committee on legislation recognizing only the Orthodox conversions of those performed in Israel. Last year, the High Court threw the responsibility for a ruling on the issue back Sarid said. "There are some three

into the Knesset's court. Nonorthodox conversions performed abroad are recognized in Israel, but not those carried out locally.

"Granting such status only to the Orthodox community sends a sigoal to world Jewry that they are not wanted in Israel and that their standing is inferior to that of the Orthodox," Meretz leader Yossi

million American Jews who do not belong to Orthodox streams.

He said the bill would grant legitimacy and recognition to other streams of Judaism and particularly help io cases involv-ing children adopted abroad by families who do not want to promise to live an Orthodox lifestyle and the more than 100,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union who might not

Jump in alleged abuse by IDF officers

THE number of indictments filed against IDF officers for abusing their men jumped 76 percent this year from 1995, Judge Advocate-General Uri Shoham said at a Tel Aviv

press conference yesterday. "This is a somewhat worrying rise, and I don't bave an explanation for it," Shoham said.

Approximately 103 indictments for this offense will be filed by the end of this year, Shoham said, compared to 58 last year. (All 1996 figures are esti-mates, since final figures for December are not yet

There was also a 23% rise in the number of indictments for drug use, from 411 last year to 504 in 1996. This follows a jump from only 190 such indictments in 1994, Shoham said, and "definitely constitutes a

worrying trend." The number of indictments for sexual harassment also rose, from 35 in 1994 to 44 this year, but this is due more to a tougher prosecution policy than to an increase in the number of incidents, he said.

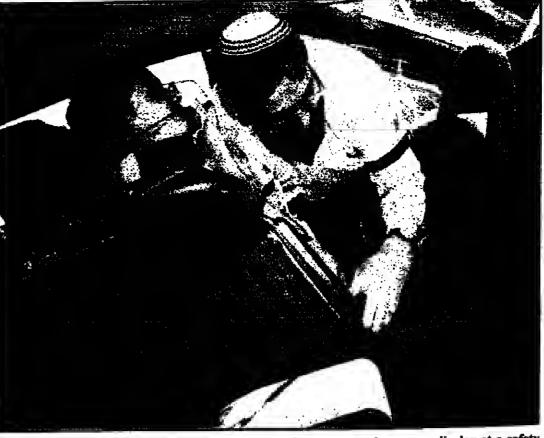
Absenteeism remained the most prevalent crime this year, with 2,038 indictments, up 6.5% from last year.

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Absenteeism accounts for almost twothirds of the total indictments filed. The other eategory to show a rise was indictments for thefts from other soldiers, up 23%, to 108. In contrast, indictments for the theft of IDF property fell 27%, to 45, and those for illegal use of weapons dropped 10%, to 155.

In total, some 3,384 indictments were filed this year, an increase of 15% over 1995. Shoham said. Shoham said there was also a sharp increase in the number of disciplinary verdicts overturned or amended by his office because of a serious flaw, 463 such verdicts were cancelled entirely, up 175% compared to 1995 and 827% compared to 1994. Another 5,456 were amended in some fashion. In total, 5,919 complaints about disciplinary hearings were found to be justified, up from 4,370 in 1995 and 2,537 in 1994. This is only a fraction of the 200,000 complaints a year that are filed, but It still shows an increase in the

level of irregularity, Shoham said. Shoham also noted the increasing number of petitions to the High Court of Justice which are filed against criminal proceedings in the army.



A medical worker demonstrates the latest rescue and recovery equipment on display at a safety convention that opened at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds yesterday.

"The main purpose of an inves-

rence]." Shoham explained.

Therefore, it is important that sol-

diers not be afraid to tell the truth

The bill would also restrict who

is entitled to see the reports of

such investigations. Instead of

such reports going almost auto-matically to the military police,

they will go first to Sboham's office. Only if the judge advocate-

general decides a criminal investi-

gation is warranted would the

report be sent on to the military

police to serve as a basis for their

A summary of the report would

Shoham said Attorney-General

Michael Ben-Yair has given the

bill his blessing, but he expects

opposition in the Knesset.

be sent to the bereaved family.

investigation.

for fear it might later be used

against them in court, be said.

IDF mulls bill to cut reserve duty, boost combat pay

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sidered of paramount importance, THE 1DF is preparing a bill to both reduce the maximum yearly has already been submitted to the reserve duty and provide extra combat compeosation reservists, Judge Advocate-General Uri Shoham said at a Tel nigation isn't to indict and punish the soldiers, but to learn the necessary lessons [to prevent a recur-

Aviv press conference yesterday. Shoham said he bopes the bill will be presented to the Knesset sometime in 1997.

"The ceiling [for annual reserve duty] will be much lower," he said. Deputy Judge Advocate-General Yossi Tel-Raz said the bill might also reduce the age at which men become exempt from reserve com-bat duty, which is currently 45. Regarding compensation for combat reservists, Tel-Raz said the IDF was looking into a variety of alternatives, ranging from an additional monthly payment to a tax

Another bill which the IDF has recently completed work on would bar material gathered during the investigation of accidental deaths from being used as evidence in a criminal trial, Shoham said. This bill, which Shoham said he con-

Stay out of Knesset affairs LIAT COLLINS

KNESSET Interior Committee chairman Sallah Tarif yesterday accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of intervening in Knesset affairs, by ordering a delay in the Knesset vote on its representative to the Druse religious judge selection committee.

Tarif to PM:

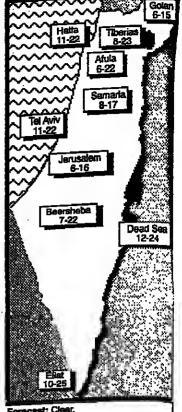
Tarif is Labor's candidate for a place on the committee, while his main rival for the post is former Likud MK Assad Assad, who is also the prime minister's adviser on Druse

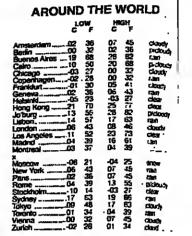
Assad asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to allow him to be elected on the Knesset's behalf as there is only one Druse MK. When Ben-Yair rejected the appeal, he obtained an interim injunction from the High Court of Justice.

A large group of Tarif's supporters came to the Knesset yesterday to observe the vote, and stormed Tichon's office when they heard it

had been postponed.

Tichon said he only postponed the vote by a day. He said he had not asked Netanyahu for a reason for the postponement but acceded just as he agreed to a Labor request to postpone a discussion on Syrian rela-





Construction executives bailed in bribery case RAINE MARCUS

AVI Dudai, a former aide to Ariel Sharon, and his business partner Nahum Por, were released on bail vesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court after being arrested for brib-

ing a government employee. Dudai and Por, partners in the Danhouse construction company, are suspected of bribing the deputy managing director of Lurim, a government company.

According to the allegations, Lurim deputy manager, Yafit Rotem, was given a \$100,000 discount on a home in Lapid, near

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KNESSET BRIEFS

Poraz calls for vaccination funds MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz) has sent an urgent letter to Agriculture Minister Raphael

Eitan asking him to find the resources to allow the Veterinary Services to finish its research and start implementing a program of oral vaccinations against rabies in wild animals.

Poraz, who has sponsored

two major animal protection laws in the past, said the program would be an alternative to poisoning animals as well as help prevent the as well as Incip p... spread of the disease. Liat Collins and Finance Committee approved the budget for the Knesset itself yesterday at NIS 167,880,000, up 28% on the 1996 budget.

The increase stemmed, among other things, from the adoption of the Rozen-Tzvi Committee recommendations raising the salaries of MKs by 33% in return for banning them from moonlighting and granting them an additional parliamentary

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon said that in the spirit of the budget cuts being demanded of government ministries, he has cut NIS 2 million from the Knesset's budget and put it in



